

Agenda – Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: 24 January 2024

Meeting time: 10.30

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Hybrid

Pre-meeting registration

(09.45–10.00)

At its meeting on 17 January 2024, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from the beginning of today's meeting

Private

(10.00–10.30)

1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Draft Budget summary of main findings

(10.00–10.30)

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Attached Documents:

- Draft Budget summary of main findings



Public meeting

(10.30–11.30)

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(10.30)

3 Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union: evidence session with the Welsh Rugby Union

(10.30–11.30)

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- Richard Collier–Keywood, Chair, Welsh Rugby Union
- Abi Tierney, Chief Executive Officer, Welsh Rugby Union
- Nigel Walker, Executive Director of Rugby, Welsh Rugby Union

Attached Documents:

- Research brief: Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union
- Sport Resolutions: Independent review of the Welsh Rugby Union – 14 November 2023

4 Papers to note

(11.30)

4.1 Public service broadcasting in Wales

(Pages 128 – 131)

Attached Documents:

- Correspondence from Ofcom: Public service broadcasting in Wales – 10 October 2023

4.2 Challenges facing the creative industry workforce in Wales

(Pages 132 – 140)

Attached Documents:

- Response from the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism – Written response by the Welsh Government to the report of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee’s entitled ‘Behind the scenes: The creative industries workforce’
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4.3 HSBC UK Welsh Service Line

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Attached Documents:

- Response from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language – Welsh language banking – 17 January 2024

4.4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

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Attached Documents:

- Letter to the Minister for the Economy and Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – 18 January 2024
- Letter to the First Minister – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – 16 January 2024
- Letter to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – 16 January 2024

- Letter from Discovering Old Welsh Houses Group to the Deputy Minister for Art, Sport and Tourism – Proposed cuts to the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales – 12 January 2024
- Letter from the Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum to the Deputy Minister for Art, Sport and Tourism – Proposed cuts to the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales – 16 January 2024
- Letter from the Wales Heritage Group – Proposed cuts to the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales – 16 January 2024

4.5 International Relations in Welsh Government

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Attached Documents:

- Response from the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism – Written Response by the Welsh Government to the report of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee’s entitled ‘International Relations Annual Report 2022–23’ – 16 January 2024

4.6 Arts Council of Wales Investment Review

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Attached Documents:

- Letter to the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism – National Theatre Wales – 16 January 2024

4.7 Allegations concerning bullying at S4C

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Attached Documents:

- Letter from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to the S4C Board Members – 16 January 2024

4.8 UK/Belgium: Agreement on the Gainful Occupation of Certain Family Members of Personnel of the Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts

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Attached Documents:

- Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee – UK/Belgium: Agreement on the Gainful Occupation of Certain Family Members of the Personnel of the Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts – 18 January 2024

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

(11.30)

Private

(11.30–12.20)

Break

(11.30–11.45)

6 Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union: consideration of evidence

(11.45–12.05)

7 Welsh Government international relations: analysis of overseas visits – Autumn term 2023

(12.05–12.20)

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Attached Documents:

- Research brief: Welsh Government international relations: International relations monitoring report – Q1 2024
- Annex 1 – Letter from the First Minister to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs: Devolved Governments on overseas ministerial visits – 3 May 2023
- Annex 2 – Response from the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to the First Minister: Devolved Governments on overseas ministerial visits – 22 May 2023
- Annex 3 – Welsh Government international visits – December 2023
- Research brief: Welsh Government international relations: Scottish Government Overseas Ministerial Visits
- Overseas travel by Minister in 2021–22 costing more than £500 per trip
- Welsh Government international relations: response from the First Minister to the International Relations Annual Report 2023–24 – 6 July 2023
- Correspondence from the Welsh Government: Welsh Government international relations – 10 January 2024