

Concise Minutes – Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 15 May 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.15

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Carolyn Thomas MS Lee Waters MS
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths MS, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language Paul Kindred, Welsh Government Tom Smithson, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Haidee James (Second Clerk) Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk) Sara Moran (Researcher) Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)



	Madelaine Phillips (Researcher) Delyth Wiliams (Official)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee.

1.2 Apologies were received from Laura Anne Jones MS, a new Member on the Committee. The Chair welcomed both new Members, namely Laura Anne Jones MS, and Lee Waters MS.

1.3 The Chair thanked Tom Giffard MS and Hefin David MS for their work as Members of the Committee since 2021.

2 Culture and the new relationship with the European Union: Evidence session with the Welsh Government (8)

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Lesley Griffiths MS, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice, and Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language.

2.2 Apologies were received from Ruth Meadows, Director, Culture, Heritage and Sport, Welsh Government.

2.3 The Committee agreed to write with questions not reached during the hour evidence session.

3 Papers(s) to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to both the Welsh Government and the Books Council of Wales to request information and clarity around issues relating to the distribution of funding for magazines by the Books Council of Wales.

3.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government to ask for information relating to the impact of funding cuts on the Welsh National Opera.

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

4.1 The Motion was agreed.

5 Culture and the new relationship with the European Union: Presentation of citizen engagement findings (2)

5.1 The Committee received a presentation of citizen engagement findings, rescheduled from its meeting on 14 March 2024.

6 Culture and the new relationship with the European Union: Consideration of evidence

6.1 In addition to writing with questions not reached, the Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government to ask for its view on re-joining Creative Europe and any other relevant EU programmes.

6.2 The Committee also agreed to write to Arts Infopoint UK and the Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media at the Houses of the Oireachtas to invite written evidence in relation to its inquiry.

7 International Relations Monitoring Report

7.1 The Committee noted the International Relations Monitoring Report.

**8 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2024/25:
Consideration of draft correspondence in response to the letter from
the Chair of the Finance Committee inviting comments to inform
future scrutiny**

8.1 The Committee considered and agreed the correspondence as drafted.

**9 The video games industry: Discussion following private stakeholder
event on 2 May 2024**

9.1 The Committee agreed to consider a written note of the engagement findings and a paper on possible next steps at a future meeting.

10 Consideration of the forward work programme for summer 2024 (3)

10.1 The Committee considered and agreed the charging for exhibitions inquiry proposal and the draft Terms of Reference.

10.2 The Committee also agreed the draft forward work programme for the remainder of the summer 2024 term.