

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 19 June 2024

Meeting time: 09.32 – 11.21

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Luke Fletcher MS (In place of Delyth Jewell MS) Alun Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS (Temporary Chair) Carolyn Thomas MS Jenny Rathbone MS (In place of Lee Waters MS)
Witnesses:	Vaughan Gething MS, First Minister of Wales Andrew Gwatkin, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Lleu Williams (Clerk) Haidee James (Second Clerk) Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk) Manon Huws (Legal Adviser) Sara Moran (Researcher) Kirstin Mitchell (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from the Chair, Delyth Jewell MS. Luke Fletcher MS substituted.

1.2 Heledd Fychan MS was elected as temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.3 The temporary Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee and thanked Llyr Gruffydd MS for his contribution; wishing him well in his new duties.

1.4 Apologies were received from Laura Anne Jones MS and Lee Waters MS, with Jenny Rathbone MS substituting for Lee.

2 Welsh Government international relations: Scrutiny session with the First Minister of Wales

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the First Minister.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the First Minister on matters relating to the evidence session.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

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 Welsh Government international relations: Scrutiny session with the First Minister of Wales: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Public service broadcasting in Wales: Consideration of responses to the Committee's report

6.1 The Committee noted the responses ahead of the Plenary debate scheduled for 17 July 2024.

7 Forward work programme: Consideration of draft Terms of Reference for priority international relations work

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft Terms of Reference.

8 Welsh Government's Draft Priorities for Culture in Wales 2024–2030: Consideration of consultation

8.1 The Committee agreed to postpone this item to its next meeting scheduled on 10 July 2024 given the number of apologies received at today's meeting.

9 National contemporary art gallery: Consideration of draft correspondence

9.1 The Committee considered and agreed the correspondence as drafted.

10 Scrutiny of the Arts Council of Wales: Follow on from scrutiny session on 6 December 2023: Consideration of draft correspondence

10.1 The Committee noted concerns over a lack of progress by the Arts Council to put in place the necessary changes it had outlined to the Committee during its session on 6 December 2023.

10.2 The Committee considered and agreed the draft correspondence but agreed to seek assurances in light of budgetary pressures.

11 Books Council of Wales magazine funding model: Functions of Books Council of Wales

11.1 The Committee noted the brief and agreed to write to the Minister for Social Partnership for an update on the magazine funding model.

12 The video games industry: Discussion following private stakeholder event on 2 May 2024 (2)

12.1 The Committee agreed in principle to move to take formal evidence pending no objections from absent Members outside of today's meeting.