

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: 1 February 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.30

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Hybrid

Pre-meeting registration

(09.15 – 09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Six Nations rugby broadcasting rights: evidence session with the Welsh Rugby Union (1)

(09.30 – 10.30)

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- Abi Tierney, Chief Executive Officer, Welsh Rugby Union (WRU)
- Nigel Walker, Executive Director of Rugby, Welsh Rugby Union (WRU)

Attached Documents:

- Research brief: Six Nations rugby broadcasting rights
- Legal advice note: Six Nations rugby broadcasting rights
- Evidence from the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU): Six Nations rugby broadcasting rights
- Evidence from Six Nations Rugby Limited: Six Nations rugby broadcasting rights



- Evidence from the Association for Commercial Broadcasters and On-demand Services (COBA): Six Nations rugby broadcasting rights

Break

(10.30 – 10.40)

3 Six Nations rugby broadcasting rights: evidence session with other stakeholders (2)

(10.40 – 11.40)

- Dave Chapman, Executive Director in Wales, UK Hospitality
- Huw Llewellyn Davies, former BBC Cymru Wales rugby commentator
- Professor Richard Haynes, Communications, Media and Culture, University of Stirling
- Seimon Williams, Author of 'Welsh Rugby: What Went Wrong'

4 Papers to note

(11.40)

4.1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

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Attached Documents:

- Letter to the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism from the Institute for the Study of Welsh Estates: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – 25 January 2024
- Response from the First Minister: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – 25 January 2024
- Response from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – 25 January 2024

- Response from the Minister for Economy and the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport, and Tourism – 29 January 2024

4.2 Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union

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Attached Documents:

- Response from the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) to the Sport Resolutions: Independent review of the Welsh Rugby Union: Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union – January 2024

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

(11.40)

Break

(11.40 – 11.50)

6 Six Nations rugby broadcasting rights: consideration of evidence

(11.50 – 12.15)

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: consideration of the draft report

(12.15 – 12.30)

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Attached Documents:

- Draft report: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government’s Draft Budget for 2024–25 – 2 February 2024