

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: 26 September 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Pre-meeting registration

(09.15 – 09.30)

Public

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Paper(s) to note

(09.30)

2.1 Charging for exhibitions

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Association of Independent Museums: Follow-up evidence after the evidence session on 6 June 2024 – 28 June 2024

Correspondence from the National Library of Wales: Follow-up evidence after the evidence session on 6 June 2024 – 4 July 2024 (English Translation by Senedd Commission)



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2.2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

(Pages 5 – 11)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education: Requesting an outline of the Cabinet Secretary's discussion and any actions arising from a meeting with the Principal of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama regarding closure of Junior Conservatoire – 17 July 2024

Reply from the Cabinet Secretary for Education: Providing an update on the closure of Junior Conservatoire at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – 11 September 2024

Letter from the Musicians' Union: Providing an update on the Welsh National Opera – 19 September 2024

2.3 National contemporary art gallery

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Attached Documents:

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: Update on the progress and any actions taken on the National Contemporary Art Gallery for Wales – 26 July 2024

Annex 1

2.4 Welsh Government international relations

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Attached Documents:

Ministerial International Engagement – July 2024

Letter to the Petitions Committee: Update on matters relating to Petition P-06-1387 Provide humanitarian aid to Gaza following the Committee's evidence session on international relations with the First Minister on 19 June 2024 – 22 July 2024

Response from the First Minister: Providing further information following the First Minister's attendance at the Committee's annual scrutiny session of International Relations on 19 June 2024 – 1 August 2024

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Transport and North Wales:

Requesting further information on the Welsh Government's International Strategy and Cardiff Wales Airport – 20 August 2024
Ministerial International Engagement – August 2024

2.5 Books Council of Wales magazine funding model

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Attached Documents:

Response from the Minister for Social Partnership: Providing further information on the Creative Skills Fund and the cuts to Books Council of Wales's funding – 5 August 2024

Letter to Books Council of Wales: Inviting further comments regarding concerns around funding for magazines in Wales – 12 August 2024

Response from Books Council of Wales: Providing further clarification relating to concerns around funding for magazines in Wales – 17 September 2024

2.6 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Letter copied for information from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Welsh Government's attendance at the British-Irish Council (BIC) Summit held in Isle of Man on 20 and 21 June 2024 – 5 August 2024

2.7 Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport

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Attached Documents:

Letter from Creu Cymru: Raising concerns about Caerphilly County Council's proposals to withdraw subsidy for Blackwood Miners' Institute from the end of December 2024 – 7 August 2024

2.8 Culture and the new relationship with the EU

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Attached Documents:

Response from the Clerk to the Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media, Houses of the Oireachtas: Regarding the Committee's

inquiry on culture and the new relationship with the European Union – 5 July 2024

Letter to Creative Ireland: Inviting views on the Committee's inquiry into culture and the new relationship with the European Union – 9 August 2024

Letter to the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Government of Ireland: Inviting views on the Committee's inquiry into culture and the new relationship with the European Union – 9 August 2024

Letter to The National Campaign for the Arts: Inviting views on the Committee's inquiry into culture and the new relationship with the European Union – 9 August 2024

Letter to Arts Council Ireland: Inviting views on the Committee's inquiry into culture and the new relationship with the European Union – 9 August 2024

Response from Arts Council Ireland: Providing information in relation to the Committee's inquiry into culture and the new relationship with the European Union – 5 September 2024

2.9 Wales–Ireland relations

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Llywydd and Chair of Business Committee: Cross committee exchange visit to Oireachtas – 12 July 2024

2.10 Scrutiny of the Arts Council of Wales

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Attached Documents:

Response from the Arts Council of Wales: Providing an update following general scrutiny – 12 July 2024

English Language Theatre Review – Terms of Reference

2.11 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

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Attached Documents:

Letter copied for information from the Finance Committee to the Cabinet

Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office: Welsh Government
Budget Timetable 2025–26 – 11 July 2024

2.12 Scrutiny of Accounts: Amgueddfa Cymru 2021–22

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee:
Requesting to be kept informed of its work relating to Scrutiny of Accounts:
Amgueddfa Cymru 2021–22 – 21 August 2024

2.13 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Children, Young People and Education Committee: Invitation
to participate in Stage 1 scrutiny of the Welsh Language and Education
(Wales) Bill – 5 August 2024

Response to the Children, Young People and Education Committee:
Confirming participation in Stage 1 scrutiny of the Welsh Language and
Education (Wales) Bill – 13 September 2024

2.14 Welsh Government consultation on the draft Priorities for Culture in Wales 2024–2030

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief
Whip: Providing the Committee's response to the Welsh Government's
consultation on Draft Priorities for Culture in Wales 2024 to 2030 – 3
September 2024

Letter copied for information from National Trust Cymru to the Welsh
Government: Response to the Welsh Government's consultation on Draft
Priorities for Culture in Wales 2024 to 2030 – 28 August 2024

2.15 Public service broadcasting in Wales

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Attached Documents:

The Committee's response to Ofcom's consultation on Channel 4 licence renewal – August 2024

2.16 Ministerial scrutiny sessions

(Pages 87 – 90)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: Follow up further to the former Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice's appearance at the Committee's meeting on 10 July 2024 for scrutiny of the Welsh Government's culture activity – 9 September 2024

2.17 Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence from the Welsh Rugby Union: Providing Welsh Rugby Union's audited annual report for the 2023 financial year – 25 July 2024

2.18 Financial position of Wales Rugby League

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip: Financial position of Wales Rugby League – 9 September 2024

Letter forwarding for information from Wales Rugby League to the Welsh Government

Wales Rugby League Men's Partnership Opportunities

Chair Person's update – June 2024

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 4, 6, 7, and 11 of this meeting and for the whole of the meeting scheduled for 2 October 2024

(09.30)

Private

4 Culture and the new relationship with the European Union: Consideration of key issues (2)

(09.30 – 10.30)

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Attached Documents:

Key issues

Break

(10.30 – 10.40)

Public

5 Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport: Evidence session with the National Library of Wales (1)

(10.40 – 11.40)

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Rhodri Llwyd Morgan, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Librarian

Ashok Ahir, President of Board of Trustees

[Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport consultation responses](#)

Consultation response from the National Library of Wales (English Translation
by Senedd Commission)

Research brief

Private

6 Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport: Consideration of evidence

(11.40 – 11.50)

7 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill: Consideration of rapporteur approach

(11.50 – 12.00)

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Attached Documents:

Approach paper

Lunch break

(12.00 – 12.30)

Public

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the first item of the meeting scheduled for 9 October 2024

(12.30)

9 Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport: Evidence session with Arts Council of Wales (2)

(12.30 – 13.30)

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Dafydd Rhys, Chief Executive Officer

Attached Documents:

Consultation response from Arts Council of Wales

Break

(13.30 – 13.40)

10 Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport: Evidence session with Welsh National Opera (3)

(13.40 – 14.40)

Christopher Barron, Interim General Director

Private

11 Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport: Consideration of evidence

(14.40 – 14.50)