

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: 16 January 2025

Meeting time: 09.15

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Hybrid

Pre-meeting registration

(09.15 – 09.30)

Public

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

(09.30 – 10.30)

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Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

Bethan Webb, Deputy Director Cymraeg 2050

Jeremy Evas, Head, Prosiect 2050

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language – 13



December 2024

Welsh Government written evidence

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

(10.30)

Private

**4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2025–26:
Consideration of evidence**

(10.30 – 10.50)

Break

(10.50 – 11.00)

Public

**5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26:
Evidence session with the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social
Partnership**

(11.00 – 12.15)

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Jack Sargeant MS, Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership

Ruth Meadows, Director, Tertiary Education, Welsh Government

Jason Thomas, Director, Tourism, Marketing, Events and Creative Wales –
Welsh Government

Steffan Roberts, Deputy Director Arts and Sport – Welsh Government

Nicky Guy, Deputy Director, Culture – Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

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Annex A

Annex B

Annex C + D

6 Papers to note

(12.15)

6.1 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Copied correspondence from the First Minister to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Notification of the 42nd Summit meeting of the British-Irish Council – 6 December 2024

6.2 Forward work programme

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence from Global Welsh: Copy of its 'Brain drain to brain gain' report – 2 December 2024

Correspondence from Dr Neta Spiro, Reader in Performance Science: Sharing new research and policy recommendations on the role of music in supporting the health and wellbeing of families during the beginning of life – 4 December 2024

6.3 Welsh Government international relations

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Attached Documents:

Ministerial International Engagement – November 2024

Letter to the First Minister: Requesting additional information to inform the Committee's international relations work – 23 December 2024

Letter to both the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Economy,

Energy and Planning: Relating to the Welsh Government's planned long-term subsidy investment funding for Cardiff Airport – 23 December 2024

6.4 Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama Junior Department

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence from Patricia Keir: Regarding the closure of the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama's Junior departments – 12 December 2024

Correspondence from Bryony Black: Regarding the closure of the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama's Junior departments – 17 December 2024

6.5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

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Attached Documents:

Copied correspondence from Cymdeithas yr Iaith to the Welsh Government: Regarding the implications of budget cuts to broadcasting – 17 December 2024 (English Translation by Senedd Commission)

6.6 Charging for exhibitions

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership: Seeking clarification around charging for visitor experiences and exhibitions by Amgueddfa Cymru – 20 December 2024

6.7 Ministerial scrutiny sessions

(Pages 149 – 151)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership: Seeking further information following the Committee's evidence session with the Minister on 28 November 2024 – 09 January 2025

6.8 Culture and the new relationship with the EU

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning:
Providing the Welsh Government's response to the Committee's inquiry
report on culture and the new relationship with the European Union – 10
December 2024

Letter from Sir Chris Bryant MP, Minister for Creative Industries, Arts and
Tourism: Providing the UK Government's response to the Committee's inquiry
report on culture and the new relationship with the European Union – 06
January 2025

**7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the
public from the remainder of this meeting and for the meeting on
29 January 2025**

(12.15)

Private

**8 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26:
Consideration of evidence**

(12.15 – 12.35)

Break

(12.35 – 12.45)

**9 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2025–26: Welsh
Government International Relations Budget briefing and
consideration of evidence**

(12.45 – 13.05)

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Attached Documents:

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Letter from the First Minister and Welsh Government written evidence – 20
December 2024

**10 UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation
Agreement: Consideration of consultation responses and next
steps**

(13.05 – 13.15)

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[UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement
written consultation responses](#)

Attached Documents:

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