

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 16 January
2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.53

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Jenny Rathbone MS (In place of Mick Antoniw MS) Alun Davies MS Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Julie Morgan MS (In place of Lee Waters MS)
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language Bethan Webb, Welsh Government Jeremy Evas, Welsh Government Jack Sargeant MS, Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership Ruth Meadows, Welsh Government Jason Thomas, Welsh Government Nicky Guy, Welsh Government



	Steffan Roberts, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Evan Jones (Deputy Clerk) Haidee James (Second Clerk) Osian Bowyer (Researcher)

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 Mick Antoniw MS and Lee Waters MS. Jenny Rathbone MS substituted for Mick Antoniw MS, and Julie Morgan MS substituted for Lee Waters MS.
- 1.3 The Chair thanked Laura Anne Jones MS for her contribution to the Committee's work and welcomed Gareth Davies MS who joined the Committee today.

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

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language.

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

- 3.1 The motion was agreed.

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

- 4.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

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

- 5.1 The Committee received evidence from the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The papers were noted.

6.1 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

6.2 Forward work programme

6.3 Welsh Government international relations

6.4 Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama Junior Department

6.5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

6.6 Charging for exhibitions

6.7 Ministerial scrutiny sessions

6.8 Culture and the new relationship with the EU

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

7.1 The motion was agreed.

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

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

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

9.1 The Committee received a briefing on the Welsh Government International Relations Budget and considered the evidence.

10 UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation

Agreement: Consideration of consultation responses and next steps

10.1 The Committee considered the consultation responses and decided on the next steps to take.