

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 19 February
2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.50

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Alun Davies MS Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Lee Waters MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Haidee James (Second Clerk) Nicole Haylor-Mott (Deputy Clerk) Manon Huws (Legal Adviser) Osian Bowyer (Researcher) Sara Moran (Researcher) Robin Wilkinson (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.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 2.1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

2.2 2.2 Impact of funding reductions for culture and sport

2.3 2.3 Future support for Duolingo

2.4 2.4 Welsh Government international relations

2.5 2.5 British Council support towards a financially sustainable future

2.6 2.6 Legislative Consent: Data (Use and Access) Bill

2.7 2.7 Ministerial scrutiny sessions

2.8 2.8 International agreements in relation to diplomacy

2.9 2.9 Inter–institutional Relations Agreement

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

3.1 The Motion was agreed.

4 Consideration of papers to note in private

4.1 The Committee discussed any issues arising from the papers.

4.2 The Committee agreed to write to the First Minister in relation to item 2.4.

4.3 The Committee agreed to write to the UK Government seeking further information, following correspondence from the Welsh Government under item 2.6.

4.4 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government in follow–up to their correspondence under item 2.7.

4.5 The Committee agreed it would also write to the UK Government and the Welsh Government seeking further information in relation to item 2.8.

5 Review of the Public and Member Bill process: Consideration of the consultation

5.1 The Committee discussed their views on the topic to feed into a response, and agreed to consider their draft submission to the review at the next available meeting.

6 Charging for Exhibitions: Consideration of key issues paper

6.1 The Committee considered the key issues paper, and agreed to return to this item following the planned visit to Big Pit National Coal Museum on 13 March 2025.

7 The video games industry: Consideration of draft letter

7.1 The Committee discussed the draft letter, and agreed to approve it following minor amendments.

8 The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 (Amendment of Schedule 6) Order 2025 & the Welsh Language Standards (No. 1, No. 2, No. 4, No. 6 and No. 7) Regulations (Amendment) Regulations 2025 – Consideration of draft legislation

8.1 The Committee noted the Order and the Regulations, and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language confirming the decision not to scrutinise the draft legislation.

9 Cymraeg for all?: Consideration of approach

9.1 The Committee discussed and confirmed its approach to its new inquiry ‘Cymraeg for all?’, and agreed to move forward with oral evidence sessions beginning on 5 March 2025.