

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 8 May 2025

Meeting time: 09.33 – 12.28

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Lee Waters MS
Witnesses:	Ruth Cocks, Director, British Council Wales Dr Elin Royles, Aberystwyth University Walter May, Global Welsh Susana Galván Hernández, Taith Mali Thomas, Urdd Gobaith Cymru Lowri Williams, Welsh Language Commissioner
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Haidee James (Second Clerk) Lowri Barrance (Deputy Clerk) Manon Huws (Legal Adviser)



	Sara Moran (Researcher) Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Mick Antoniw MS.

2 Welsh Government's International Strategy – Oral evidence – Panel 1

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives from the British Council, Global Welsh, and from Dr Elin Royles.

3 Welsh Government's International Strategy – Oral evidence – Panel 2

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives from Taith, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, and the Welsh Language Commissioner's Office.

4 Papers to note

4.1 International agreements in relation to diplomacy

4.1 The papers were noted.

4.2 International agreements

4.2 The paper was noted.

4.3 The video games industry

4.3 The papers were noted, and the Committee agreed to further address issues relating to the inquiry on the video games industry during general scrutiny with the Minister.

4.4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26

4.4 The paper was noted and the Committee agreed to respond to the Finance Committee's letter sharing their views on the draft budget documentation provided by the Welsh Government.

4.5 The Ivory Prohibitions (Exemptions) (Process and Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

4.5 The papers were noted.

4.6 Forward work programme

4.6 The papers were noted and the Committee agreed to respond to the letters from the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages, and from the Chair of the Petitions Committee. The Committee also agreed to contact the Advertising Standards Agency at a later date to discuss an inquiry into gambling advertising in Welsh sports.

4.7 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

4.7 The papers were noted.

4.8 UK-EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement

4.8 The paper was noted and the Chair agreed to discuss the matter with other committee Chairs

4.9 Welsh Government international relations

4.9 The papers were noted.

4.10 Charging for exhibitions

4.10 The papers were noted.

4.11 Cymraeg for all?

4.11 The paper was noted.

4.12 Public Interest Journalism

4.12 The papers were noted.

4.13 UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

4.13 The paper was noted.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Welsh Government's International Strategy – Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Charging for Exhibitions – Consideration of draft report

7.1. The Committee considered the report and agreed the draft subject to minor amendments.

8 UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Co–operation agreement – Consideration of key issues

8.1 The Committee considered the key issues and agreed to contribute a chapter to a joint report with the other relevant Committees.