

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Meeting time: 09.15 – 12.29

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Siân Gwenllïan MS (In place of Heledd Fychan MS) Hannah Blythyn MS (In place of Lee Waters MS)
Witnesses:	Professor Siraj Shaikh, Swansea University Chris Meadows, CSconnected Patricia Yates, VisitBritain Eluned Haf, Wales Arts International Delyth Evans, S4C
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Lowri Barrance (Deputy Clerk) Manon Huws (Legal Adviser) Sara Moran (Researcher)



	Robin Wilkinson (Researcher) Madelaine Phillips (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Lee Waters MS and Alun Davies MS. Hannah Blythyn MS attended the meeting as a substitute for Lee Waters MS.
- 1.3 Heledd Fychan MS attended the meeting for items 1 and 2, and gave her apologies for the rest of the meeting. Siân Gwenllian MS attended as a substitute for Heledd Fychan MS for item 3.

## **2 Welsh Government's International Strategy Inquiry – Evidence session with technology representatives (Panel 5)**

- 2.1 The Members questioned the technology representatives as part of the Committee's inquiry into the Welsh Government's International Strategy.

## **3 Welsh Government's International Strategy – Evidence session with tourism and culture representatives (Panel 6)**

- 3.1 The Members questioned the tourism and culture representatives as part of the Committee's inquiry into the Welsh Government's International Strategy.
- 3.2 Mick Antoniw MS declared an interest as his son works for the Welcome to Wrexham television series.

## **4 Evidence session with the new Chair of S4C**

- 4.1 The Members questioned the new Chair of S4C.

## **5 Papers to note**

### **5.1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27**

- 5.1 The paper was noted.

## **5.2 International Relations Annual Report 2024**

5.2 The paper was noted.

## **5.3 UK–Ukraine 100 Year Partnership Agreement**

5.3 The Committee noted the papers and agreed to write to the Welsh Government requesting further detail on the UK–Ukraine One Hundred Year Partnership Agreement.

## **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.**

6.1 The motion was agreed.

## **7 Welsh Government's International Strategy – Consideration of the evidence received**

7.1 The Members considered the evidence received.

## **8 Evidence session with the new Chair of S4C – Consideration of the evidence received**

8.1 The Members considered the evidence received.

8.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government expressing their approval of the appointment, and that the Committee should have had a pre-appointment hearing with the new Chair.