

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: 19 November 2025

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09:15–09:30

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

09:30

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27: Evidence session with the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership

09:30–11:00

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

Jason Thomas, Director – Tourism, Marketing, Events and Creative

Elin Burns – Director of Culture, Heritage, Sport and Welsh Language

Paul Kindred – Deputy Director, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Welsh Language

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Written Evidence: Welsh Government

3 Papers to note

11:00



3.1 Scrutiny of Sport Wales

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Attached Documents:

Letter to Sport Wales following the evidence session on 25 September – 10 November 2025

3.2 Inter-institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Copy letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice, and Constitution Committee: Informing that the Independent Intergovernmental Relations secretariat has now published its annual reports for 2022–2023 and 2023–2024 – 11 November 2025

3.3 Scrutiny of the Arts Council of Wales

(Pages 76 – 79)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Arts Council of Wales providing the additional information requested in the Committee's letter of 5 November, following the recent scrutiny session – 12 November 2025

3.4 Funding pressures facing the Welsh publishing sector

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Attached Documents:

Letter from Lucent Dreaming on the funding pressures facing the Welsh publishing sector – 13 November 2025

3.5 Forum on EU–UK Culture and Media Relations

(Pages 81 – 98)

Attached Documents:

Correspondence from the Forum on EU–UK Cultural & Media Relations: Informing that Cultural and Creative Sectors have published joint policy recommendations to strengthen EU–UK relations – 13 November 2025

3.6 UNESCO City of Literature

(Pages 99 – 100)

Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair congratulating Professor Mererid Hopwood and all involved in Aberystwyth's successful bid to become the first UNESCO City of Literature – 14 November 2025

3.7 Review of Public Bill and Member Bill processes

(Pages 101 – 103)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Llywydd: Providing views on the practice of publishing pre-introduction versions of Bills – 14 November 2025

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the start of the meeting on 27 November

11:00

Break

11:00–11:10

5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27 – Consideration of evidence and key issues

11:10–11:40

6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27: Research briefing on the budget for international relations

11:40–12:10

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Attached Documents:

Research brief

Written evidence: Welsh Government