

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4, Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 4 December 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 Wales–Ireland relations: Culture, language and heritage – Panel 1

09:30 – 10:45

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Dafydd Rhys, Chief Executive, Arts Council of Wales

Eluned Haf, Head, Wales Arts International

Andy Warnock, Musicians' Union Welsh Branch

Carwyn Donovan, BECTU

Philip King, Other Voices

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Written evidence: Arts Council of Wales and Wales Arts International

Break

10:45 – 10:55

3 Wales–Ireland relations: Culture, language and heritage – Panel 2

10:55 – 11:40

Jane Richardson, Chief Executive, Amgueddfa Cymru



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Welsh Parliament

Break

11:40 – 11:50

4 Wales–Ireland relations: Culture, language and heritage – Panel 3

11:50 – 12:50

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Sian Lewis, Chief Executive, Urdd

Micheál Ó Foighil, Chief Executive Officer, Coláiste Lurgan

Attached Documents:

Written evidence: Urdd

Break

12:50 – 13:30

5 Wales–Ireland relations: Culture, language, and heritage – Panel 4

13:30 – 14:15

Rhodri Llwyd Morgan, Chief Executive, National Library of Wales

Dr Maredudd ap Huw, Head of Archives and Manuscripts Section, National Library of Wales

6 Papers to note

14:15

6.1 Scrutiny of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales following the annual scrutiny session on 25 September – 5 November 2025

Letter from the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales following the annual scrutiny session on 25 September – 24 November 2025

6.2 British Council

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Secretary of State for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on the financial situation at the British Council – 5 November 2025

Letter from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on the financial situation at the British Council – 24 November 2025

6.3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Language Commissioner

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Welsh Language Commissioner following the annual scrutiny session on 12 November 2025 – 20 November 2025

Letter from the Welsh Language Commissioner following the annual scrutiny session on 12 November 2025 – 25 November 2025

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

14:15

8 Wales–Ireland relations: Consideration of evidence

14:15 – 14:35

9 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill: Consideration of next steps

14:35 – 15:00