

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

Meeting Venue:

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Remote via Zoom

Richard Thomas

Meeting date: 23 October 2025

Committee Clerk

Meeting time: 09.15

0300 200 6565

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Remote

Private pre-meeting

09:00–09:15

Public

1 Motion to elect a temporary Chair under Standing Order 17.22 for this meeting

09:15

2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

09:15

3 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Stakeholder evidence session with Academics

09:15–10:15

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Dr Emily Blackwell, Senior Lecturer in Animal Behaviour and Welfare, Bristol University, and Chair of the Welsh Government’s implementation group

Dr Ellie Wigham, Scottish Animal Welfare Commission

Dr Rebekah Humphreys, Animal Ethics Specialist, University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Professor Andrew Knight, University of Winchester

Attached Documents:

Research brief



Written evidence – Dr Rebekah Humphreys

Written evidence – Professor Andrew Knight

Break

10:15–10:25

4 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Stakeholder evidence session with Greyhound racers

10:25–11:55

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Mark Bird, Chief Executive Officer, Greyhound Board of Great Britain

Madeleine Campbell, Board Director, Greyhound Board of Great Britain

Katie Bennison, General Manager, Valley Greyhounds

Simon Franklin, Company Director, Racecourse Promoters Association

Richard Brankley, Head of Greyhound Operations, Sports Information Services

Attached Documents:

Written evidence – Greyhound Board of Great Britain

Written evidence – Racecourse Promoters' Association

Written evidence – Greyhound Board of Great Britain – Following the Committee's meeting on 15 October 2025

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6 and 10 of this meeting, and for the start of the meeting on 6 November 2025

11:55

Private

6 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the evidence received

11:55–12:10

Lunch

12:10–12:55

Public

7 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Stakeholder evidence session with dog trainers

12:55–13:55

Malcolm Tams, Site Manager, Valley Greyhounds

Anna Jeffrey, Greyhound Trainer

Steve Howard, Greyhound Trainer

Mike Burton, Greyhound Trainer

Break

13:55–14:00

8 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Stakeholder evidence session with local authorities and enforcement

14:00–14:45

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Robert Hartshorn, Executive Director for Education and Social Services,

Caerphilly County Borough Council

Zoe Phillips, Project Manager, Animal Licensing Wales

Attached Documents:

Written evidence – WLGA

9 Papers to note

14:45

9.1 Cymraeg for all?

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Attached Documents:

Research article by Robert Jones and Gregory Davies on the experiences of Welsh-speakers at HMP Berwyn – 8 October 2025

9.2 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill

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Attached Documents:

Written Evidence: Greyhound Rescue Wales – 7 October 2025

Copy letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs:

Requesting evidence on the financial implications of the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – 9 October 2025

Letter from the Llywydd: Requesting written evidence on the practice of publishing pre-introduction versions of Bills – 10 October 2025

Dogs Trust and RSPCA submission to the Scottish Animal Welfare

Commission: Setting out their views on greyhound racing (February 2023) – 15 October 2025

All-party Group for Animal Welfare report: The fate of racing greyhounds and working lurchers in Wales (October 2003) – 15 October 2025

Greyhound Forum for Wales report: A better bet for greyhounds – A submission to the Welsh Assembly Government in view of proposals to introduce regulations and a code of practice for greyhounds racing in Wales (November 2007) – 15 October 2025

Voluntary code of practice: The Welfare of Racing Greyhound (Wales) – 15 October 2025

9.3 Welsh Government international relations

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Attached Documents:

Ministerial inward/outward visits for September 2025 – 10 October 2025

Private

10 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – Consideration of the evidence received

14:45–15:00