

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4, Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 22 January 2026

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09:15–09:30

Public

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

09:30

2 Public service broadcasting in Wales: Panel 3 – Evidence session with the BBC

09:30–11:00

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Tim Davie, Director General, BBC

Rhuanedd Richards, Interim Director of Nations, BBC

Garmon Rhys, Interim Director, BBC Wales

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Break

11:00–11:10



3 Public service broadcasting in Wales: Panel 4 – Evidence session with S4C

11:10–12:10

Delyth Evans, Chair, S4C

Geraint Evans, Chief Executive, S4C

4 Papers to note

12:10

4.1 Future Generations Commissioner

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Attached Documents:

Copy correspondence from the Welsh Government to the Future Generations Commissioner: responding to recommendations in the Future Generations 2025 report – 21 November 2025

4.2 Wales–Ireland relations

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Oireachtas Joint Committee on the Irish Language, the Gaeltacht, and the Irish–Speaking Community: requesting to meet with the Committee during a visit to Wales in February – 18 December 2025

4.3 Public Interest Journalism

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence from the Co–Chair of the National Union of Journalists Welsh Executive Council: raising concerns about journalism sustainability, funding fairness and working conditions – 12 January 2026

4.4 Welsh Government international relations

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the First Minister: advising that the First Minister has signed memoranda of understanding with the governments of Catalonia and the Basque Country – 13 January 2026

4.5 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

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Attached Documents:

Copy letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: notifying publication of the Celtic Heritage – Cornwall–Wales Collaboration Agreement: Annual Report 2025 – 14 January 2026

4.6 Data (Use and Access) Act 2025

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Attached Documents:

Copy letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning to the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee: confirming the renewal of two new adequacy decisions for the UK to allow the free flow of personal data between the European Economic Area and the UK – 15 January 2026

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6 and 9 of today's meeting

12:10

Private

6 Public service broadcasting in Wales: Consideration of evidence

12:10–12:20

Break

12:20–13:00

Public

7 Public service broadcasting in Wales: Panel 5 – Evidence session with Ofcom

13:00–14:00

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Philip Henfrey, Wales Director, Ofcom

Cristina Nicolotti Squires, Group Director for Broadcast and Media, Ofcom

Attached Documents:

Written evidence: Ofcom

Break

14:00–14:05

8 Public service broadcasting in Wales: Panel 6 – Evidence session with Channel 4

14:05–14:50

Kevin Blacoe, Head of Partnerships and Skills, Channel 4

Pete Andrews, Head of Sport, Channel 4

Jo Street, Director of Commissioning Nations and Regions, and Head of Lifestyle, Channel 4

Private

9 Public service broadcasting in Wales: Consideration of evidence

14:50–15:00