

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 26 February
2026

Meeting time: 10.00 – 11.27

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Alun Davies MS Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Lee Waters MS
Witnesses:	Richard Collier–Keywood, Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) Geraint John, Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) Alison Thorne, Welsh Rugby Union (WRU)
Committee Staff:	Richard Thomas (Clerk) Lowri Barrance (Deputy Clerk) Manon Huws (Legal Adviser) Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.

2 The future of rugby in Wales: Evidence session with the Welsh Rugby Union

2.1 The Committee questioned the witnesses on the future of rugby in Wales.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the relevant Ministers regarding access to student finance for performing arts degrees in England.

- 3.1 Arts Council of Wales**
- 3.2 Funding for Wrexham AFC**
- 3.3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27**
- 3.4 Wales–Ireland relations**
- 3.5 Access to student finance for performing arts degrees in England**
- 3.6 Public service broadcasting**
- 3.7 UK–EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly**
- 3.8 The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 (Amendment of Schedule 6) Order 2026 and The Welsh Language Standards (No.10) Regulations 2026**
- 3.9 Welsh Government international relations**
- 3.10 Public interest journalism**
- 3.11 Culture shock**
- 3.12 Sport Wales**

- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting**
- 4.1 The motion was agreed.**

- 5 The future of rugby in Wales: Consideration of the evidence received**
- 5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.**

6 Treaty between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federal Republic of Germany on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation

6.1 The Committee considered the treaty and agreed to write to the Welsh Government and the UK Government to ask for further information.