

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: 15 January 2026

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09:15–09:30

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

09:30

2 Public service broadcasting in Wales: Panel 1 – Evidence session with ITV

09:30–10:30

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Zoe Thomas, Head of News and Programmes, ITV Cymru Wales

Magnus Brooke, Group Director of Strategy, Policy and Regulation, ITV

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Break

10:30–10:40

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

10:40–11:40

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Professor Stephen Cushion, Director of Research Development and Environment and Impact, Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Culture, Cardiff University

Professor Justin Lewis, Professor of Communication and Creative Industries, Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Culture, Cardiff University

Carwyn Donovan, Bectu

Attached Documents:

Written evidence – Professor Stephen Cushion

Break

11:40–11:50

4 Papers to note

11:50

4.1 Wales–Ireland relations

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Attached Documents:

Report by the British Council: Cultural Mobility and Connection: Ireland and the four nations of the UK – 9 December 2025

Letter to the First Minister: Requesting an update on the Committee's recommendations to the Welsh Government in the report on Wales–Ireland relations – 17 December 2025

British–Irish Parliamentary Assembly report on UK–EU Defence and Security Cooperation Post–Brexit – 22 December 2025

4.2 National Library of Wales

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership: Advising

that the incumbent President of the National Library of Wales, Ashok Ahir will be reappointed for a second term – 16 December 2025

4.3 Funding for Wrexham AFC

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership seeking clarification as to the appropriateness of the Welsh Government providing funding to develop Wrexham AFC's stadium – 17 December 2025

4.4 Welsh Government international relations

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Attached Documents:

Ministerial Inward Outward Visits – November 2025 – 17 December 2025

Ministerial Inward Outward Visits – December 2025 – 8 January 2026

4.5 Culture and the new relationship with the EU

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Attached Documents:

Letter to Jakob Engel-Schmit, Minister for Culture, Media, and Sports, Demark welcoming the Declaration on the necessity of culture and media as a safeguard for our European democracies – 17 December 2025

Letter to the Minister of State for Creative, Industries, Media and Arts welcoming the UK Government being a signatory to the Declaration on the necessity of culture and media as a safeguard for our European democracies – 17 December 2025

4.6 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs responding to the Committee's stage 1 report on the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – 5 January 2026

Copy letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs responding to the Legislation, Justice and

Constitution Committee's stage 1 report on the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill – 5 January 2026

4.7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence from Music Venue Trust: Requesting urgent clarification of non-domestic rates for grassroots music venues from April 2026 – 18 December 2025

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

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6 Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 order of consideration

11:50–11:55

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Attached Documents:

Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 order of consideration

7 Public service broadcasting in Wales: Consideration of evidence

11:55–12:30

Break

12:30–13:15

8 Cymraeg for all?: Consideration of draft report

13:15–13:45

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Attached Documents:

Cymraeg for all?: draft report

9 Welsh Government's International Strategy: Consideration of draft report

13:45–14:15

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Attached Documents:

Welsh Government's International Strategy: draft report