

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: 4 March 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 ARFOR: Ministerial evidence session

09:30–10:30

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Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

Duncan Hamer, Director of Operations, Business and Regions, Welsh Government

Ann Watkin, Head of Strategy, Operations Alignment and Planning, Welsh Government

Elin Burns, Director for Culture, Heritage, Sport and Welsh Language, Welsh Government

Iddon Edwards, Head of Economy, Housing and Welsh Language, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Written evidence – Welsh Government

Written evidence – Mentera

Written evidence – Carmarthenshire County Council



Written evidence – Welsh Language Commissioner

Written evidence – Menter Môn

Written evidence – Wavehill report: Evaluations, Conclusions and Recommendations of the ARFOR Programme – October 2021

Written evidence – ARFOR programme update – March 2024

Written evidence – ARFOR programme update – March 2025

Written evidence – Wavehill report: The ARFOR 2 Programme: Evaluation, Monitoring and Learning – September 2025

Break

10:30–10:40

3 General ministerial scrutiny: Welsh Language

10:40–11:40

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Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

Elin Burns, Director for Culture, Heritage, Sport and Welsh Language

Jeremy Evas, Head of Project 2050

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Written evidence – Welsh Government

Written evidence – Community Housing Cymru

4 Papers to note

11:40

4.1 Wales–Ireland relations

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence from Dr Hefin Gwilym: Inviting the Committee to attend a seminar on the Basic Income for the Arts in Ireland – 23 February 2026

4.2 Public service broadcasting in Wales

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Attached Documents:

Correspondence from Ofcom: Sharing its final decision on Part 5 of the Media Act – 25 February 2026

4.3 A Culture Bill for Wales

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Attached Documents:

Report from the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales: Culture for Future Generations. A Culture Act for Wales: Green Paper – 25 February 2026

4.4 Auditor General for Wales

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Attached Documents:

Copy letter from the Auditor General for Wales to the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee: Providing a perspective on the challenges and opportunities for Welsh public services – 26 February 2026

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

11:40

6 Consideration of the evidence received

11:40–12:00

7 BBC Royal Charter review: Consideration of draft response

12:00–12:10

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Attached Documents:

Draft response to the UK Government – Consultation on the BBC Royal Charter Review

Draft letter to the UK Government – Public service broadcasting in Wales inquiry