

Agenda – Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 20 October
2016

Meeting time: 09.00

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Informal pre-meeting

(09.10–09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2 General Scrutiny of Ofcom

(09.30–10.30)

- Rhodri Williams, Director Wales
- Mark Sweeney, Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs

Research Brief: Ofcom

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3 Paper(s) to note

Paper 1: Letter to Chair from Huw Rossiter, Public Affairs Manager, ITV Wales

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Paper 2: Letter to Chair from Mrs Uzo Iwobi OBE, Chief Executive Officer, Race Council Cymru – Black History Wales Network: Welsh Government's Review of Heritage of Services

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Paper 3: Letter to Chair from Phylip Pritchard – Historic Wales

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Paper 4: Letter to Chair from Glyn Owen – Historic Wales (Welsh Only)

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4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting for Items 5–7

Break

(10.30–10.40)

5 Inquiry into the Welsh Language Strategy – Scoping Paper

(10.40–11.30)

Research Brief: Scoping Paper for Welsh Language Strategy

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6 General scrutiny of BBC: preparation for taking evidence from Lord Hall

(11.30–12.00)

7 2017–2018 Draft Budget: Familiarisation Briefing

(12.00–13.00)

- Martin Jennings, Finance and Statistics, Research Team Leader

Paper 5: Letter to the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language – Draft Budget 2017–18

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Paper 6: Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure – Draft Budget 2017–18

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Prifysgol Dewi Sant, 1 Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu
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At last week's Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee session on broadcasting, we were asked about coverage of Wales on ITV network news. We said we would check and get back to the committee. Please could you make available to members. Many thanks.

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We have checked with ITN and these are the main Welsh news stories that have been covered across ITV's network lunchtime, evening and News At Ten programmes this year:

Steel Crisis (January onwards)

- Major story: regular of reports on Tata's plans for Port Talbot plant (many lead item).
- Ongoing story.

Welsh Assembly Election (April/May):

- "Labour set to be largest party despite drop in support" 25 April
- Welsh Elections preview ,29 April
- "Parties prepare for electoral tests across the country", 04 May
- On the day results, 6 May
- "Stalemate" vote in Senedd
- Rise of UKIP in Wales
- Hamilton "concubine" row

E-cigarettes

- "Welsh Govt considers banning e-cigarettes in public places" (02 April)

Wales in the Euros (June/July)

- Numerous news items following Wales' progress throughout tournament
- Features on Good Morning Britain
- Coverage of Welsh team's "Homecoming"

(Note: a record 1.3 million viewers in Wales watched ITV's live coverage of the Wales v Portugal semi-final match.)

EU Referendum

- Mention of result in Wales as part of UK-wide round-up (23 June)

NHS in Wales (ongoing)

- Various items referencing Welsh NHS, contrasting with the situation in England.

Olympics (August)

- Item on family of Welsh gold medallist Jade Jones

Aberfan (October)

- There will be significant coverage of the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster including extensive reports on News At Ten and on Good Morning Britain.
- Major live coverage planned on anniversary 21 October.

Other news items

- Sports item on Wales' return visit to Twickenham following defeat of England in Rugby World Cup 6 months earlier.
- Killing of Matalan couple in Cardiff
- Broadband problems in rural areas (case study from Wales)
- Bedroom tax (case study from Wales)

Drama

- A new series of network drama Safe House is currently being filmed in Anglesey, directed by award-winning Welsh director Marc Evans (who also directed The Aberfan Young Wives' Club which has been produced in Cardiff under the Shiver Cymru label).
- We understand from our Programmes Commissioning team in London that we one drama project in development with Bad Wolf, who develop projects in London and LA and also have a permanent production base in south Wales.

Huw Rossiter

Rheolwr Materion Cyhoeddus
Public Affairs Manager

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Prifysgol Ew Niart, 2 Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu
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To Whom It May Concern Regarding Historic Wales Proposals'

We write to commend the exceptional work the National Museums of Wales (NMW) have achieved in dismantling barriers, promoting participation and transforming ethnic minority communities engagement with history, collections, heritage etc in Wales.

The exceptional work this organisation have done has distinguished them in their role as beacon leaders in their sphere of operations. This is why the Race Council Cymru - Black History Wales Network have accorded them the highest honour and certificate of recognition praising them for their sterling work, inclusive practices and professional engagement with people from diverse ethnic background and related heritage activities. This has never been done for any other organisation by ethnic minority communities in Wales.

The NWM is best at serving communities as an authentic, dignified and impactful institution that towers above many of its kind. We wholeheartedly support NMW and all it stands for and recommend that this great organisation is maintained in its current effective format.

Kind regards,

Mrs Uzo Iwobi OBE

Chief Executive Officer
Prif Swyddog Gweithredol

I am saddened to learn of the proposal to merge parts of the National Museum of Wales with Cadw. In my view this would be a detrimental step, diminishing the profile of the Museum, and its constituent parts, nationally and internationally and compromising its ability to generate income in the long term.

How typical that the decisions are being made by a working party emanating from the Cabinet of the Secretary for the Economy and Infrastructure. Is it not time for the Assembly to establish a Secretary for the Arts, Culture and Heritage? In that way the arts and culture in Wales would have the focus, expertise and management it merits rather than being subject to its current fragmentation.

It seems to me that this entire exercise is being driven by the needs of means and resources rather than that of ensuring the long term future of our national heritage.

Sincerely

A Philip Pritchard

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Gyfeillion - ynglŷn a'r newidiadau bwriedig yn y sector treftadaeth fel un sydd yn dilyn a chymeryd diddordeb yn y maes credaf, o hyn a welaf, na fu trafodaeth ddigonol o'r cynlluniau ar ôl datganiad y gweinidog Ken Skates AC, ac felly teimlad f y dylid rhoi cyfle yn y cynulliad i drafodaeth fwy manwl ar gynlluniau y Gweinidog ac ymateb y cyrff a effeithir.

Yn gywir

Glyn Owen

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