

# Concise Minutes – Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee meeting via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 5 August  
2020

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.00

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Helen Mary Jones MS (Temporary Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Alun Davies MS (In place of John Griffiths MS) Carwyn Jones MS David Melding MS
Witnesses:	Martin Shipton, National Union of Journalists (NUJ) Alan Edmunds, Reach PLC Paul Rowlands, Reach PLC Pamela Morton, National Union of Journalists
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk) Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)

## 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed Alun Davies MS to the meeting and noted apologies from John Griffiths MS.



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## **2 Inquiry into the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on journalism and local media**

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## **4 Paper(s) to note**

Members noted the papers.

### **4.1 Letter from the National Union of Journalists**

### **4.2 Welsh Government response to the report on the impact of COVID-19 on the arts**

### **4.3 Letter from the Petitions Committee on the music feasibility study**

### **4.4 Correspondence with the Welsh Government on the First Supplementary Budget 2020-21**

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the remainder of the meeting**

Members agreed the motion.

## **6 Consideration of evidence**

Members agreed to publish a short report on the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on journalism and local media. Members agreed to write to Reach plc on the proposed redundancies and reorganisation in Wales.

## **7 Inquiry into the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on heritage, museums and archives: Consideration of draft report**

Members suggested amendments and chose to agree the final draft via correspondence.

## **8 Inquiry into public monuments: Draft Terms of Reference**

Members suggested amendments and agreed to approve the final draft of the terms of reference via correspondence.