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

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Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023-24

Dear Jeremy,

You will be aware that Senedd committees will be undertaking scrutiny of the Welsh Government's draft budget 2023-24 in the autumn.

Written evidence

To inform the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee's scrutiny, we would welcome written information from you on the areas detailed in the Annex to this letter. We would be grateful to receive this information by 14 December 2022.

Oral evidence

Members would also be grateful if you could attend an oral evidence session on 18 January 2023 between 11.10 to 12.10.

Approach

The Committee will seek to follow the Finance Committee's lead, basing our approach on the four principles of financial scrutiny: affordability, prioritisation, value for money and budget processes. We are also seeking evidence from the Minister for Economy, the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport and the Chief Whip and the First Minister, given the relevance of their work to our remit.

In accordance with the new budget procedures, the Committee will consider whether to report our findings to the Senedd.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

ANNEX – REQUEST FOR WRITTEN INFORMATION IN ADVANCE OF DRAFT BUDGET SCRUTINY

The Committee requests the following information:

Commentary on Actions and detail of Budget Expenditure Line (BEL) allocations

A breakdown of the 2023-24 draft budget allocations (as relevant to the Welsh Language) by MEG, Spending Programme Area, Action and Budget Expenditure Line (BEL).

Final out-turns for 2021-22 and forecast out-turns for 2022-2023.

Other information

Information on how the delivery of the Welsh Language portfolio and associated outcomes are monitored and evaluated to demonstrate value for money.

Information on allocations (and their location) in your portfolio to support the *Cymraeg 2050* Welsh language strategy, in particular, allocations to achieve the 'milestones' as set out in the *Work Programme 2021-2026*.

Specific areas

Updates on allocations in 2022-23 budget

Information on the allocation of £1.2 million to the Urdd to assist with rebuilding after the pandemic, and details on the specialist programme that provides Welsh-medium apprenticeships for young people within deprived communities.

Progress update on the additional £2.2m allocated to expand Welsh language immersion provision across Wales and any supporting data.

Information on the increased allocation of £4.3m within the Welsh in Education BEL during 2022-23, specifically, how and where this additional funding has been utilised.

Update on budget allocations from other parts of the Ministers portfolio, including the Teacher Development and Support BEL and the Curriculum and Assessment BEL to support the development of the Welsh language.

Welsh Language Commissioner

Allocations and commentary in respect of the budget allocation for the Welsh Language Commissioner in 2023-24.

Capital expenditure in relation to the Welsh language

Detailed progress on expanding capacity in Welsh-medium schools, the distribution of the Welsh Medium Capital Grant and progress to date across local authorities in Wales.