

I am writing to the committee chair and its members about the crisis currently facing public interest news provision in Wales.

The letter I've attached sets out what the different legislatures of Wales have undertaken concerning public interest news provision and information about the decline of traditional local news provision. I have also attached the circulation numbers for the Welsh newspapers published by Reach, Newsquest, and Tindle. The collapse in circulations is astonishing. In the South Wales Valleys, circulations have declined over 98% during the past two decades. It's an industry in terminal decline, and a new approach is required.

I would be more than happy to discuss the matter further and give greater context.

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