

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

Cross Party Group Details

Cross Party Group Title:

Public and Commercial Services union (PCS)

Group membership and office holders

Name of Group Chair:

Mike Hedges MS

Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Heledd Fychan MS (Vice-Chair); Rhys ab Owen MS; John Griffiths MS; Altaf Hussain MS; Huw Irranca-Davies MS; Carolyn Thomas MS.

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Darren Williams, PCS

Names of other external members and organisations represented:

Siân Boyles, Doug Jones, Marianne Owens, Jayne Smith (PCS)

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1

Date of Meeting:

9 November 2021

Attendees:

Mike Hedges MS (Chair); Heledd Fychan MS (Vice-Chair); Ryland Doyle (MS Support Staff, Mike Hedges); Carys Morgan-Jones (MS Support Staff); Siân Boyles (PCS); Marianne Owens (PCS); Siân Wiblin (PCS); Darren Williams (PCS).

Summary of the issues discussed:

DVLA dispute over workplace Covid safety; update on transfer of DWP jobs to new hub in Treforest; update on 2021/22 pay and on moves towards pay coherence between different employers; concerns over funding of Welsh Culture Sector; outsourcing of Sport Wales national outdoor centre at Plas Menai; moves to establish new Commission for Tertiary Education and Research; Net Zero Carbon and Just Transition campaign; ongoing attempt to revisit Welsh Government's 2017 voluntary exit scheme in light of subsequent legal judgement.

Meeting 2

Date of Meeting:

1 March 2022

Attendees:

Mike Hedges MS, Ryland Doyle (MS Support Staff), Marianne Owens (PCS), Jayne Smith (PCS), Siân Wiblin (PCS).

Summary of the issues discussed:

PCS national campaign on pay and pensions; update on Welsh devolved sector pay; workplace Covid-19 safety issues in the DVLA and DWP; possible use of 'fire and rehire' by Audit Wales to secure allowance changes; update on Sport Wales outsourcing; Welsh Government voluntary exit issue; implications for Wales of UK Government 'levelling-up' agenda.

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

6 July 2022

Attendees:

Mike Hedges MS; Heledd Fychan MS; Ryland Doyle MS Support Staff; Jayne Smith (PCS); Darren Williams (PCS).

Summary of the issues discussed:

PCS national campaign on pay and pensions; UK Government review of arms-length bodies and threat to civil service jobs; Welsh devolved sector pay update; Workplace Covid-19 update; threat to use 'fire and rehire' by Audit Wales and Public Services Ombudsman; Sport Wales outsourcing update.

Meeting 4

Date of Meeting:

7 December 2022

Attendees:

Mike Hedges MS (Chair); Heledd Fychan MS (Vice-Chair); Ryland Doyle (MS Support Staff, Mike Hedges); Siân Boyles (PCS); Jayne Smith (PCS); Ian Thomas (PCS); Darren Williams (PCS)

Summary of the issues discussed:

PCS national dispute over pay, pensions, jobs and redundancy rights; Welsh devolved sector pay update; Sport Wales outsourcing update; Ministry of Justice 'Common Platform' dispute.

Meeting 5

Date of Meeting:

12 July 2023

Attendees:

Mike Hedges MS (Chair); Heledd Fychan MS (Vice-Chair); Ryland Doyle (MS Support Staff, Mike Hedges); Helen West (MS Support Staff, Julie Morgan); Jayne Smith (PCS); Darren Williams (PCS).

Summary of the issues discussed:

PCS national dispute over pay, pensions, jobs and redundancy rights; Welsh devolved sector pay update; Sport Wales outsourcing update; concerns over DVLA's intention to cease funding the shuttle-bus service; possibility of Senedd catering being brought in-house.

Meeting 6

Date of Meeting:

30 January 2024 – AGM and business meeting

Attendees:

Mike Hedges MS (Chair); Heledd Fychan MS (Vice-Chair); Ryland Doyle (MS Support Staff, Mike Hedges); Helen West (MS Support Staff, Julie Morgan); Siân Boyles (PCS); Doug Jones (PCS); Jayne Smith (PCS); Darren Williams (PCS).

Summary of the issues discussed:

AGM business – election of chair & vice-chair, compliance with Senedd CPG governance rules; PCS national dispute over pay, pensions, jobs and redundancy rights; Welsh devolved sector pay update; concerns arising from Welsh Government draft budget for 2024/25, with regard to Welsh Government staffing and estates, Culture sector, Wales TUC and Wales Union Learning Fund; Wales TUC Welsh language charter; new PCS devolved decision-making arrangements; planned industrial action in the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency.

Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year.

[names of lobbyists/organisations/charities should be included as follows, e.g.]

Name of Organisation:

n/a

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n/a

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n/a

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n/a

Annual Financial Statement

Cross Party Group Title:

Public and Commercial Services union (PCS)

Date:

12/02/24

Name of Chair:

Mike Hedges MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Darren Williams, PCS

Title	Description	Amount
Group's Expenses	None	£0.00
Costs of all goods	No goods bought	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any financial support or other support.	No financial support was received.	£0.00
Total		£0.00

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality. All hospitality paid for by PCS.

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
7/12/22	ESS Catering	£71.88
12/7/23	ESS Catering	£61.86
30/1/24	ESS Catering	£77.88
Total		£211.62