

Cross-Party Group Annual Report.

December 2015

Cross Party Group on Digital Communications

Chair: Russell George

Secretariat: Ofcom (Elinor Williams – Regulatory Affairs Manager and Nia Thomas – Regulatory Affairs Advisor)

1. Group membership and office holders.

Russell George AM (Chair)
Alun Ffred Jones AM
Aled Roberts AM
David Rees AM
Rhodri Williams - Ofcom
Alex Williams - Ofcom
Elinor Williams – Ofcom

2. Previous Group Meetings.

Meeting 1.

***Meeting date:* 23 June 2015**

***Attendees:* Ofcom – Rhodri Williams, Elinor Williams, Nia Thomas, Neil Stock
Assembly Members – Alun Ffred Jones**

Summary of issues discussed:

A formal AGM was held and Russell George was re-elected Chairman. This was seconded by Alun Ffred Jones AM and members of Ofcom. It was agreed that Ofcom would provide secretariat to the Group.

Neil Stock (Ofcom, Head of Radio Policy) gave a presentation on the future of community and commercial radio in Wales. This was followed by a question and answer session.

Meeting 2.

***Meeting date:* 29 September 2015**

Attendees: Ofcom – Rhodri Williams, Elinor Williams, Nia Thomas, Liz Nash and Jane Rumble

Assembly Members - Alun Ffred Jones, Keith Davies, Suzy Davies, David Rees, Janet Haworth, Aled Roberts

Representatives from Get Safe Online, Deryn, ITV, S4C, Town and Country Broadcasting, Ofcom Advisory Committee for Wales, NFU Cymru

Summary of issues discussed:

Ofcom held its annual Communications Market Report stakeholder event at the meeting. Rhodri Williams (Ofcom, Director, Wales) and Jane Rumble (Ofcom, Director of Market Intelligence) highlighted some of the key findings of the UK and Wales reports. Discussions were had on mobile coverage in Wales as well as internet safety.

Meeting 3.

Meeting date: 24 November

Attendees: Ofcom – Rhodri Williams, Elinor Williams and Nia Thomas

Assembly Members – Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology Julie James, Alun Ffred Jones, Janet Haworth, Elin Jones

Ed Hunt – Superfast Cymru Programme Director

Alwen Williams – BT Director, Wales

Nick Vaughan – Head of Public Affairs, Openreach

Representatives from the Welsh Government, Ofcom Advisory Committee for Wales, Spectrum Internet, BBC Audience Council for Wales, Wise Kids

Summary of issues discussed:

Alwen Williams gave a short introduction on the Ed Hunt gave an update on the Superfast Cymru project to date. A discussion was had on the roll out of the project and the schemes and options available for those in the final 4% in Wales.

3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.

Ger-y-Gors Community Forum

Wise Kids
40 Wood Crescent
Newport
NP10 0AL

Annual Financial Statement.

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Group's Expenses.	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support.	No financial support received.	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.		
All refreshments paid for by Ofcom.		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
	CH& Co Catering Ltd	
24 November		£345.00
29 September		£430.32
23 June		£195.16
Total cost		£970.48