

Concise Minutes – Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 22 March
2023

Meeting time: 09.35 – 12.19

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Hefin David MS Alun Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Tom Giffard MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Oliver Carpenter, Chambers Wales Amanda Wilkinson, Director, Universities Wales, Universities Wales Berwyn Davies, Higher Education Wales Eluned Haf, Wales Arts International Mali Thomas, Urdd Gobaith Cymru Nia Williams, National Museum Wales
Committee Staff:	Rhea James (Deputy Clerk)



	Marc Wyn Jones (Secretariat) Sara Moran (Researcher) Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee.

1.2 No apologies were received.

2 Wales–Ireland relations: Evidence session with Higher Education and business representatives

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Higher Education and business representatives.

3 Wales–Ireland relations: Evidence session with cultural and heritage bodies

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of cultural and heritage bodies.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

4.1 The Motion was agreed.

5 Wales–Ireland relations: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

5.2 The Committee agreed to discuss the timeline of the inquiry at the next meeting.

6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Consideration of draft correspondence

6.1 The Committee considered and agreed the correspondence as drafted.

7 Allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union: Consideration of the draft report on the Committee's initial findings

7.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed to discuss further details on the draft report at the next meeting.

7.2 The Committee considered and agreed a media statement to be released regarding the allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union.