

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: 10 July 2024

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Pre-meeting registration

(09.15 – 09.30)

Public

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Ministerial scrutiny: Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice

(09.30 – 10.30)

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Lesley Griffiths MS, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice

Paul Kindred, Divisional Deputy, Culture Division, Welsh Government

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Welsh Government written evidence

3 Paper(s) to note

(10.30)



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3.1 Legislative Consent: Data Protection and Digital Information Bill

(Pages 25 – 29)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language: Welsh Government's response to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's report on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.4) in respect of the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill – 17 June 2024

Copy letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language: Correcting a misunderstanding in the Welsh Government's letter responding to its report on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.4) in respect of the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill – 2 July 2024

3.2 Books Council of Wales magazine funding model

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Attached Documents:

Response from the Minister for Social Partnership: Providing information requested by the Committee in relation to the distribution of funding for magazines by the Books Council of Wales – 17 June 2024

Letter from Emily Trahair: Clarification around a number of points raised in correspondence to the Committee from Books Council of Wales in its letter dated 4 June 2024 – 2 July 2024

Annex 1

Annex 2

Letter to the Minister for Social Partnership: Expressing the Committee's continued concern regarding the cuts to Books Council of Wales's funding and to request further information about the Minister's recent visit to the Books Council – 27 June 2024

3.3 Wales–Ireland relations

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Attached Documents:

Response from the First Minister: Update on the Ireland Wales Ministerial Forum – 17 June 2024

3.4 Culture and the new relationship with the EU

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Attached Documents:

Response from the Minister for Social Partnership: Providing an update on the steps the Welsh Government is taking to explore opportunities for re-joining Creative Europe – 18 June 2024

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language and the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice: Providing information requested by the Committee relating to its inquiry on culture and the new relationship with the European Union following the evidence session on 15 May 2024 – 20 June 2024

Response from the Cathaoirleach of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media, Houses of the Oireachtas: Suggested organisations to contact for information in relation to the Committee's inquiry on culture and the new relationship with the European Union – 20 June 2024

3.5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

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Attached Documents:

Letter from Jane Lancaster, Assistant Secretary, Prospect Wales: Regarding cuts to heritage and culture in Wales – 24 June 2024

Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee: Drawing the Committee's attention to Petition P-06-1437 Increase, don't cut, funding for the National Library, Amgueddfa Cymru and the Royal Commission – 26 June 2024

Correspondence from John Harrington: Concerns with the proposal by the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama to close its youth programme – 18

June 2024

Statement

Annex

Correspondence from Rebecca Totterdell: Regarding the proposed closure of the junior department of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – 27 June 2024

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice: Regarding the closure of Junior Conservatoire at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – 28 June 2024

Copy letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education: Regarding the closure of Junior Conservatoire at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – 28 June 2024

Copy letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee: Regarding the closure of Junior Conservatoire at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – 28 June 2024

Copy letter to the Chair of the Finance Committee from the Chair of the Petitions Committee: Drawing the Finance Committee's attention to Petition P-06-1455 Protect the junior departments of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama from closure – 26 June 2024

Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice: Regarding funding for the Welsh National Opera – 25 June 2024

3.6 Scrutiny of the Arts Council of Wales

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Attached Documents:

Letter to Arts Council of Wales: Requesting an update following the general scrutiny session on 6 December 2023 – 24 June 2024

3.7 National contemporary art gallery

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Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice: Requesting an update on progress since the Welsh Government's initial response to the

Committee's report on its inquiry into a National contemporary art gallery –
24 June 2024

3.8 Scrutiny of Accounts: Amgueddfa Cymru 2021–22

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Attached Documents:

Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration
Committee: Providing the Public Accounts and Public Administration
Committee's report 'Scrutiny of Accounts: Amgueddfa Cymru 2021–22' – 26
June 2024

3.9 Welsh Government international relations

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Attached Documents:

Response from the First Minister: Providing information on the Rennes
Declaration as requested by the Committee – 2 July 2024

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

(10.30)

Private

5 Ministerial scrutiny: Consideration of evidence

(10.30 – 10.40)

6 Welsh Government's Draft Priorities for Culture in Wales 2024– 2030: Consideration of consultation (2)

(10.40 – 11.00)

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[Draft Priorities for Culture in Wales 2024 to 2030](#)

Attached Documents:

Overview of consultation

7 Welsh Government international relations: Consideration of draft consultation on the implementation review of Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)

(11.00 – 11.10)

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Attached Documents:

Draft consultation

8 Consideration of the forward work programme for the remainder of the Sixth Senedd

(11.10 – 12.30)

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Attached Documents:

Priorities for the remainder of the Sixth Senedd