

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 2 April 2025

Meeting time: 09.29 – 12.25

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS Hannah Blythyn MS Llyr Gruffydd MS Adam Price MS, Commissioner Andrew RT Davies MS Mike Hedges MS
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning Andrew Gwatkin, Welsh Government Emily Hole, Welsh Government David Warren, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Manon George (Clerk)



	Lowri Barrance (Deputy Clerk)
	Sam Mason (Legal Adviser)
	Osian Bowyer (Researcher)
	Sara Moran (Researcher)
	Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Committee Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair also welcomed Hannah Blythyn MS from the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee, Mike Hedges MS and Adam Price MS from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, and Llyr Gruffydd MS from the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee, who attended the Committee as rapporteurs for Item 2: UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Lee Waters MS, Mick Antoniw MS, and Andrew RT Davies MS.

2 UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, Rebecca Evans MS

- 2.1 The Committee Members and rapporteurs questioned the Cabinet Secretary and officials on the UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- 2.2 The Chair welcomed a delegation of EU Ambassadors who were in the public gallery to view the meeting.
- 2.3 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to write to the Committee about the Welsh Government's engagement with EU institutions.
- 2.4 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to write to the Committee outlining the engagements she has had with the UK Government and EU institutions on matters such as sanitary and phytosanitary agreements, conformity assessments, mobility, improving guidance

and transparency on rules of origin, as well as what engagement the Welsh Government is having with EU institutions, and what structures exist within the Welsh Government to manage the relationship with EU institutions.

2.5 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide an answer to the Committee in relation to whether the Welsh Government will attend the 19 May summit.

2.6 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to ask the Deputy First Minister to provide a note on discussions with the UK Government and the EU on the SPS agreement.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.1 Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement

3.1 The paper was noted.

3.2 Existence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

3.2 The paper was noted and the Committee agreed to write to Cardiff Council asking for an update on St David's Hall.

3.3 International agreements

3.3 The papers were noted and the Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government requesting more information in relation to the UK-Ukraine One Hundred Year Partnership Agreement

3.4 Welsh Government international relations

3.4 The papers were noted.

3.5 Forward work programme

3.5 The papers were noted and the Committee agreed to ask the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee for an update on any planned work on the Culture Division leaked report and ask the Welsh Government if the Permanent Secretary will be writing to the Committee on the issue.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vii) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 UK–EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee Members and rapporteurs considered the evidence received.

6 Legislative Consent Memorandum No. 2 on the Data (Use and Access) Bill: Consideration of Legal Advice Note and draft report

6.1 Members considered the Legal Advice Note and agreed the draft report.

7 Forward work programme: Consideration of the Committee's work programme for the Autumn Term 2025

7.1 Members considered and agreed the forward work programme for the Autumn Term 2025.

8 Welsh Government's International Strategy: Technical briefing on the International Strategy Delivery Plan

8.1 The Committee received a technical briefing on the Welsh Government's International Strategy Delivery Plan.

8.2 The Welsh Government officials agreed to share further information relating to the International Strategy Delivery Plan.

9 Welsh Government's International Strategy: Consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.