

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

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2, Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 19 November 2025

Meeting time: 09.29 – 11.45

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Delyth Jewell MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Gareth Davies MS Heledd Fychan MS
Witnesses:	Elin Burns, Welsh Government Paul Kindred, Welsh Government Jack Sargeant MS, Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership Jason Thomas, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Richard Thomas (Clerk) Lowri Barrance (Deputy Clerk) Sara Moran (Researcher) Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Lee Waters MS and Mick Antoniw MS.

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27: Evidence session with the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership

- 2.1 The Committee questioned the witnesses as part of the Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27.

3 Papers to note

- 3.1 The papers were noted.

3.1 Scrutiny of Sport Wales

3.2 Inter-institutional Relations Agreement

3.3 Scrutiny of the Arts Council of Wales

3.4 Funding pressures facing the Welsh publishing sector

3.5 Forum on EU–UK Culture and Media Relations

3.6 UNESCO City of Literature

3.7 Review of Public Bill and Member Bill processes

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the start of the meeting on 27 November

- 4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27 – Consideration of evidence and key issues

- 5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27: Research briefing on the budget for international relations

6.1 The Committee received a briefing on the budget for international relations as part of its scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2026–27.