

Concise Minutes – Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 26 October
2017

Meeting time: 09.32 – 12.20

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Bethan Jenkins AM (Chair) Hannah Blythyn AM Dawn Bowden AM Suzy Davies AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Neil Hamilton AM Jeremy Miles AM Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	Meri Huws, Welsh Language Commissioner, Welsh Language Commissioner Gwenith Price, Welsh Language Commissioner Dyfan Sion, Director of Policy and Research, Welsh Language Commissioner Guto Dafydd, Welsh Language Commissioner
Committee Staff:	Steve George (Clerk)



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	Adam Vaughan (Second Clerk)
	Lowri Harries (Deputy Clerk)
	Osian Bowyer (Researcher)
	Manon Huws (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 There were no apologies.

1.2 The Chair, Bethan Jenkins welcomed Sian Gwenllian to the Committee and thanked Dai Lloyd for his contribution to the Committee's work.

Transcript

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2 General Scrutiny: Welsh Language Commissioner – Annual Report

2.1 Witnesses responded to Members' questions.

2.2 Sian Gwenllian asked for a paper from the Welsh Language Commissioner on her views of the process of having two bodies; one to focus on regulation and the other to focus on strategic issues.

2.3 Meri Huws highlighted the need to scrutinise the Welsh language in early years and apprenticeships. Dyfan Sion referred to a brief which would be published which they could share with the Committee containing this information.

2.4 Lee Waters asked for clarification on the number of individual complaints received. Meri Huws said she would provide this information to the Committee.

3 General Scrutiny: Welsh Language Commissioner – Assurance Report

3.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 Members noted the papers.

4.1 Letter from Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Private debrief

7 News Journalism in Wales: Key Issues Paper

7.1 Members considered the paper and decided to consult the public on the new proposed budget allocation to News Journalism.