

Concise Minutes – Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 14 September
2016

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.15

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Bethan Jenkins AM (Chair) Hannah Blythyn AM Suzy Davies AM Neil Hamilton AM Dai Lloyd AM Jeremy Miles AM Eluned Morgan AM (In place of Dawn Bowden AM) Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	Manon Antoniazzi, Welsh Government Alun Davies AM, Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language Meri Huws, Welsh Language Commissioner, Welsh Language Commissioner Huw Gapper, Welsh Language Commissioner Paul Kindred, Welsh Government



	<p>Peter Owen, Welsh Government</p> <p>Dyfan Sion, Director of Policy and Research, Welsh Language Commissioner</p> <p>Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure</p> <p>Bethan Webb, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Steve George (Clerk)</p> <p>Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Alys Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)</p> <p>Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Dawn Bowden, Eluned Morgan substituted.

2 Transcript

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2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 3 and 8

2.1 The Motion was agreed.

3 Wales Bill: Legal briefing

3.1 Committee Members received a legal briefing on the Wales Bill.

4 Scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary of Economy & Infrastructure: Priorities for the Fifth Assembly

4.1 The Cabinet Secretary responded to questions from members of the Committee and agreed to provide further information on:

- Historic Wales – how it will work and what its remit will be;
- The new museum plan for Wales;
- The ‘Fusion’ and ‘arts and creative learning’ programmes;
- The ‘Media Forum’, including its forward work programme.

5 Wales Bill: Evidence from the Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner

5.1 Officials from the Welsh Language Commissioner’s Office responded to questions from members of the Committee.

6 Scrutiny of the Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language: Priorities for the Fifth Assembly

6.1 The Minister responded to questions from members of the Committee and agreed to:

- Provide further information on the timetable for the Welsh language strategy;
- Ask the Cabinet Secretary for Education to provide a note on the remit of the Donaldson Review in relation to the Welsh language through education continuum;
- Provide further information on the division of responsibility for the Welsh language between the Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

7 Paper(s) to note

7.1 Members of the Committee noted the papers.

- 7.1 Letter from the Llywydd regarding Committee Statements in Plenary
 - 7.2 Letter from the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee regarding the Wales Bill
 - 7.3 Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee regarding the approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government draft budget 2017–18
 - 7.4 Letter from the Welsh Language Commissioner to the Secretary of State for Wales regarding the Wales Bill
 - 7.5 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee regarding the BBC's annual report and accounts
 - 7.6 Letter from the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee regarding the Committee's remit
- 8 Private debrief**
- 8.1 Members considered the evidence received.