

Concise Minutes – Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 4 October 2018

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.00

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Bethan Sayed AM (Chair) Mick Antoniw AM Siân Gwenllian AM Neil Hamilton AM Jane Hutt AM David Melding AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Meri Huws, Welsh Language Commissioner, Welsh Language Commissioner Nick Capaldi, Arts Council of Wales Gwenith Price, Welsh Language Commissioner Dyfan Sion, Director of Policy and Research, Welsh Language Commissioner Gwyn Williams, Arts Council for Wales



Committee Staff:	Steve George (Clerk)
	Martha Da Gama Howells (Second Clerk)
	Adam Vaughan (Deputy Clerk)
	Osian Bowyer (Researcher)
	Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)
	Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair thanked Neil Hamilton and Jack Sargent for their work as Members of the Committee and welcomed Caroline Jones and Jane Hutt, their respective replacements.

1.2 Apologies were received from Caroline Jones, there was no substitute.

2 Annual scrutiny of the Welsh Language Commissioner

2.1 Witnesses responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

2.2 Gwenith Price agreed to provide the Committee with the names of the two health boards taking 15 days on average to reply to a Welsh email, as referred to in the Welsh Language Commissioner's Assurance Report 2017-18.

3 Annual scrutiny of Arts Council of Wales

3.1 Witnesses responded to questions from the Committee.

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

4.1 Committee Members agreed the motion.

5 Private debrief

5.1 Committee Members discussed the evidence received and agreed to:

- Write to the Welsh Language Commissioner, the Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning and the Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care regarding a number of issues raised during the Welsh Language Commissioner's session; and
- Write to the UK Government Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee regarding an issue raised during the Arts Council of Wales' session regarding lottery funding.

6 Supporting and promoting the Welsh language: An inquiry into the legislative, policy and wider context: Consideration of consultation responses

6.1 Committee Members discussed the consultation responses and agreed who to invite to provide oral evidence for the remaining sessions of the inquiry.