

Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee remit

Purpose

1. The paper sets out the remit and responsibilities of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee.
2. The Committee is invited to note its remit.

Background

3. The rules and procedures of the Senedd are laid out in Standing Orders. Standing Order 16.1 requires the Senedd to establish committees with power within their remit to:

- “(i) examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the government and associated public bodies;
- (ii) examine legislation;
- (iii) undertake other functions specified in Standing Orders; and
- (iv) consider any matter affecting Wales.”

4. In doing this, the Business Committee has to ensure that every area of responsibility of the Welsh Government and associated public bodies, and all matters relating to the legislative competence of the Senedd and functions of the Welsh Ministers and of the Counsel General, are subject to committee scrutiny.



Committee remit

5. The remit of this Committee, as agreed by the Senedd on 23 June 2021, is:

“to examine legislation and hold the Welsh Government to account by scrutinising its expenditure, administration and policy matters, encompassing (but not restricted to): the Welsh Language, culture; the arts; historic environment; communications, broadcasting; the media, sport, and international relations.

The Committee may investigate any area of policy from the perspective of the Welsh Language.”

6. Further details on the wider roles and responsibilities of Senedd committees are set out in the Business Committee’s report [Sixth Senedd Committees titles and remits](#) laid before the Senedd on 29 June 2021.

7. When thinking about the Committee’s remit it is important to note the Business Committee’s view that:

“As was the case in the Fifth Senedd, it is important to understand that, in the case of the policy and legislation committees, their remits are not prescriptive or restrictive. We have deliberately allowed them to remain broad and we decided not to provide a list of subjects attached to each committee. As in the previous two Seneddau, we believe that providing committees with the ability to pursue issues across portfolios and subject areas makes for better scrutiny and avoids the risk of too narrow an approach.”¹

¹ Welsh Parliament, Business Committee report [Sixth Senedd Committees titles and remits](#) – June 2021