

Welsh Parliament

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

Priorities and strategy for the Sixth Senedd 2021-26

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Chair's foreword

Following the establishment of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee of the Welsh Parliament, Members agreed to carry out a series of one-day inquiries covering each sector within the Committee's remit, to better understand the issues facing them in the Sixth Senedd. This exercise was also intended to inform the Committee's priorities for 2021-26.

The challenges facing the work of the Committee and its stakeholders is radically different from any other time since the dawn of devolution. The impact of the pandemic is far from over, while at the same time many sectors within the Committee's remit have to adjust the way they operate following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. These two issues alone pose significant challenges to government, civil society and the wider public in Wales.

To that end, over the course of autumn and winter 2021/22, the Committee engaged extensively with stakeholders, in order to better understand the impact of the pandemic and Brexit on our work, as well as what the Committee's priorities should be for the Sixth Senedd. The Committee is grateful to those who have provided both oral and written evidence to inform these considerations.

This document outlines the Committee's working approach for the Sixth Senedd as well as an outline of the key issues that may require our attention in the coming years. It does not, however, restrict our ability to review and investigate new and emerging issues as they arise during this period. If you have any views on issues the Committee should be looking at, you are always welcome to get in touch by email on seneddculture@senedd.wales. This document is being published to ensure transparency of the Committee's work and enable further productive dialogue with stakeholders who are interested in our work.



Delyth Jewell MS

Chair of Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee

1. Introduction

- 1.** The Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee of the Welsh Parliament was established on 23 June 2021 to examine legislation and hold the Welsh Government to account by scrutinising its expenditure, administration and policy matters that fall within our remit. Some of the Committee's work may also extend to matters that are the responsibility of the UK Government and UK-wide bodies and organisations, but have a material impact on Wales.
- 2.** The list of policy matters that fall within the remit of the Committee includes (but is not limited to): culture; the arts; historic environment; communications; broadcasting; the media; the Welsh language; sport; and international relations.
- 3.** The Committee first met on 14 July 2021 where we agreed to launch a consultation on our priorities for the Sixth Senedd. This consultation asked stakeholders for their priorities for the Committee's work programme. This included asking individuals and organisations about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the UK's withdrawal from the EU on their organisation and sector.
- 4.** A total of 39 written submissions were received from stakeholders. Between September 2021 and February 2022, the Committee also held a series of one-day sector specific inquiries to further inform the development of its work priorities. Details of this evidence is outlined in Annexes A and B.
- 5.** Further, the Committee met on 13 September 2021 and 15 December 2021 to discuss our strategy for this Senedd term. These included discussions on our working priorities and operating arrangements as a Committee.
- 6.** The remainder of this document outlines the Committee's decisions our strategic approach and our working priorities for this Senedd term.

2. Strategic approach for the Sixth Senedd

7. The Committee's agreed working approach for the Sixth Senedd is set out below.

Purpose

- To scrutinise policy and legislation, and to hold the Welsh Government to account on Welsh language, culture, the arts, creative industries, historic environment, communications, broadcasting, sport and international relations.

Values

The Committee will:

- promote, and be a champion for, the sectors that fall within our remit;
- work to ensure equality of access and participation to culture, the arts, heritage, Welsh language and sport for all in Wales;
- drive change by being challenging, impactful and constructive in our scrutiny.

Objectives

The Committee will:

- be a critical friend of Welsh Government and their sponsored bodies, and scrutinise the delivery of Programme for Government and Co-operation Agreement commitments;
- scrutinise the activity of the UK Government and other relevant UK bodies relating to Wales;
- ensure a range of different voices are heard on matters which affect them;
- be transparent and accessible in all our activities to ensure the progress of our work is open and clear to all.

Outcomes

The Committee will:

- establish and maintain relationships with a wide range of stakeholders to ensure a diversity of voices are represented in our work;
- ensure our work is shaped by real life experiences by meeting and learning from people on the ground from different backgrounds across Wales;
- be accessible to all stakeholders by normalising a flexible working approach including meeting on a hybrid basis as standard;
- provide an honest assessment of our performance by publishing an annual report at the end of every summer term; and ensure transparency by publishing a forward work plan at the start of every September; and
- publish and promote written reports of the Committee's scrutiny which set stretching recommendations for the relevant public bodies, and seek to hold them to account on delivering against these recommendations during the Sixth Senedd.

3. Priorities for the Sixth Senedd

8. During the second half of 2021 and early 2022, the Committee undertook a series of one-day inquiries and a written consultation to identify our priorities for the Sixth Senedd.

Stakeholders from each area of the Committee's remit were asked:

- What is the current impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their sector, and what further support is needed from the Welsh and UK Governments to mitigate the current impact and support the post-pandemic recovery?
- What issues should the Committee prioritise in planning our work programme for the immediate and longer term? and
- How does Brexit and the new UK-EU relationship affect their organisation, what support have they received to respond to the changes, and what further support, if any, is needed from Welsh and UK Governments?

9. We said at the time that, in addition to the priorities identified, there would likely be other matters that would arise which would require the Committee's attention. This could be in response to an incident or as result of a matters being raised by a stakeholder or constituent. The Committee would ways take these matters into consideration, should they arise, and stakeholders are always welcome to contact the Committee with any issues that need to be brought to our attention.

10. A summary of the Committee's considerations and priorities for each sector is outlined below.

Culture

11. The Committee deals with matters such as the arts, heritage (museums, archives and built heritage) and creative industries as part of our work under the title of 'Culture'. A summary of what the Committee considers to be the main challenges in the Culture part of our remit is outlined below.

12. The Welsh Government has restarted work on its **cultural strategy**. On 19 January 2022, the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport and Chief Whip told the Committee that the last Government had already started working on a strategy and that she is expecting 'an initial paper

from officials fairly soon¹, but that the timescales will be dictated by their consultations with the sector. A number of the Committee's stakeholders have commented how important this strategy is for the sector in general, more so given the lack of detail around cultural priorities in the Programme for Government.

13. Aside from the cultural strategy, there remains a challenge for some parts of the sector in **digitising collections**. The predecessor Committee in the Fifth Senedd (the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee) heard that museums, libraries and heritage organisations invested their time and resources in digitising their collections during the first Covid-19 lockdown. Those who took part in the [inquiry on the effect of COVID](#) on this sector stressed that the exercise was enabling them to reach a much wider audience but would need increased and sustained investment in digital activity.

14. The continued **survival and recovery from Covid-19** for the cultural sector is as important now as it was two years ago. Those who run live music venues, theatres and cinemas have seen their income impacted by COVID pass requirements, social distancing and lockdown regulations. The Minister for Economy on 19 January 2022 told the Committee that support for the sector to date has been about ensuring survival and that the next steps will be about recovery². The impact of the pandemic has also hit workers really hard – around 80 per cent of workers in the cultural sector are freelancers, half of whom lost over 80 per cent of their work during 2021³. Ensuring the sector and its workers recovers well will be as important as its initial survival, otherwise the funding provided to the sector during the acute stages of the pandemic will be wasted.

15. The Committee has agreed that **ensuring equality of access and participation** will be one of the values guiding our work for the Sixth Senedd. Given this, and issues related to disability and race in the arts in Wales that were identified in reports by the National Museum Wales and the Arts Council for Wales, the Committee is of the view that there is scope to review this during the Sixth Senedd. The aforementioned reports focussed on engaging with areas of semi-rural poverty, cultural and ethnic diversity and disability. The Museum and the Arts Council published their [Widening Engagement Action Plan](#) in February 2022, saying:

'We are committed to developing an approach to arts, culture and heritage that actively engages individuals and communities across Wales in deciding what counts as culture, where it happens and who makes and experiences it.'

¹ Para 118, CCWLSIR 19 January 2022

² Para 24, CCWLSIR 19 January 2022

³ <https://cfw.wales/recovery>

16. Concerns over a **skills shortage** in screen industries were first raised in the predecessor Committee's report on Film and Major Television Productions in 2018. The Welsh Government accepted the recommendation that it should require Creative Wales to draw up a skills strategy which provides workforce information; audits of training placements; and identifies skills gaps that require filling. Since then, the Welsh Government has tasked Creative Wales with managing a skills strategy for the creative industries more widely. This issue was raised in the Draft Budget 2022/23 consultation by the eight National Companies funded by the Arts Council⁴.

17. The Committee agreed that potential work on Culture in the Sixth Senedd could include:

- annual scrutiny of public sponsored bodies (National Library, National Museum, Arts Council etc) and Welsh Government;
- reviewing the ongoing impacts of Brexit on culture and wellbeing;
- reviewing progress and delivery of the forthcoming cultural strategy;
- challenges and opportunities in use of digital in arts, culture and heritage;
- sector recovery from impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- supporting freelance workers;
- access to arts, culture and heritage;
- skills development in the cultural sector.

Communications

18. The Committee's work on "Communications" includes matters such as journalism, television broadcasting, radio broadcasting, digital media and media regulation (Ofcom). A summary of what the Committee considers to be the main challenges in the Communications part of our remit is outlined below.

19. The last decade has seen a significant shift from print to digital news consumption. This has correlated with job losses and newspaper closures as publishers struggle to monetise the increased digital traffic. This has created **a crisis in local news provision**. In the Fifth Senedd, the Welsh Government created an Independent Community Journalism Fund which was worth around £200,000. There are also other sources of support available through the Welsh Books

⁴ Response on behalf of members of the eight National Companies funded by the Arts Council to Finance Committee inquiry on Draft Budget 2022-23

Council for such media. Given the importance of local news to many communities, and in light of a dwindling print media, it could be timely to review provision and consider how it serves local communities in Wales.

20. In January 2022, the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport announced plans for freezing the licence fee for the next two years⁵. This announcement also kickstarted the debate over **future funding models for public service broadcasting** in the UK. As Wales is more reliant on public service broadcasting than anywhere else in the UK, the impact of any future funding models is likely to impact Wales disproportionately.

21. The first one-day inquiry undertaken by the Committee in the Sixth Senedd was related to the future regulation of public service broadcasting. This was a review of the recommendations made by Ofcom's "Small Screen: Big Debate" report. The Committee endorsed Ofcom's recommendations for the future regulation of public service media. The next steps that need to be considered following this report would include **modernising public service media regulation** to ensure it is fit for how people consume video content.

22. The Committee agreed that potential work on Communications in the Sixth Senedd could include:

- annual scrutiny of public service broadcasters (including BBC, ITV and S4C), Ofcom and the Welsh Government;
- support for news journalism in Wales;
- future funding for public service broadcasting in Wales;
- modernising regulation of public service broadcasting;
- broadcasting landscape in Wales.

Welsh Language

23. The Committee's responsibilities for the Welsh Language as a subject applies to the general policy application of the Welsh Language. This subject is more likely to include crossovers with other policy areas, such as education and housing, than any other within the Committee's remit. This is because the Welsh Ministers, for each new administration, are required to adopt a Welsh language strategy setting out how they propose to promote and

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/dcms-secretary-of-states-oral-statement-on-the-licence-fee-settlement>

facilitate the use of the Welsh language. Where that happens, it may be that the Committee decides to undertake work on a specific issue with the relevant committee i.e. working with the Children, Young People and Education Committee on the forthcoming Welsh-medium education Bill.

24. The Welsh Government's **Cymraeg 2050** target is now less than thirty years away, and the majority of the work related to the Welsh Language is geared towards achieving that target. Further, 2021 Census statistics are due to be published at the end of 2022. These will provide an insight into how well the government is progressing towards its target of 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050. Given the importance of this goal, the Committee believes that work on this should be subject to regular review. This would include monitoring progress against key performance indicators ensuring the goal is on track to be met. Many of the other issues outlined in this section ultimately contribute towards the 2050 target.

25. It has been ten years since **Welsh in Education Strategic Plans** (WESPs) became operational, and were placed on a statutory footing via provisions in the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013. The Welsh Government said in guidance issued recently to local authorities⁶ that:

'Our contributions today, and your contributions in implementing your Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESPs) over the next 10 years, will help us get to a million Welsh speakers'

26. It is expected that the long-awaited **Bill on Welsh-medium education** will be published during the course of the Sixth Senedd. As it is now a decade since the introduction of WESPs, and with forthcoming legislation on the horizon, the Committee is of the view that it could be timely to assess the impact of the WESP framework. This may include assessing the extent it has improved the planning of the provision of Welsh-medium education across Wales, and whether it has contributed to an increase in the use and number of Welsh speakers.

27. There are a number of elements within the education system which could influence the 2050 target including: learner progression from meithrin through to secondary education; increasing the number of learners in Welsh medium education; ensuring there are enough Welsh-medium teachers to deliver the provision; and developing Welsh-medium education in both category 1 (English-medium schools) and category 2 schools (Dual-language). There is renewed emphasis on a **"cradle to grave" approach to Welsh-medium learning**. The Committee believes its success will be vital if the Cymraeg 2050 targets are to be met.

⁶ <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/guidance-welsh-in-education-strategic-plan.pdf>

28. As of 2022-23, the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol has been allocated an additional £8million over a period of three years (up to 2024-25) to help support the development of **Welsh-medium apprenticeships and further education**. The FE sector has not received the same level of focus in terms of developing Welsh-medium provision compared with other sectors. As this is a developing policy area, the Committee considers that it may be worthwhile reviewing the progress of this over the coming years to ensure it meets the aims that have been set out.

29. The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure (2011) introduced **Welsh language standards** which places duties on public bodies (on the whole) in Wales. These standards promote and facilitate the language, and ensure it is not treated less favourably than the English language in Wales. There are a number of sectors yet to have standards placed upon them. The Welsh Government is responsible for laying Welsh language standards regulations on various sectors. The predecessor Committee in the Fifth Senedd scrutinised draft Welsh language standards regulations - a pattern that will likely continue during the Sixth Senedd.

30. Welsh as a community language is under-threat in many parts of Wales. Various interventions are required to support and promote the language to ensure its viability for generations to come. Stakeholders have told the Committee about their concerns regarding the: impact of second home ownership; the need for well-paid work opportunities for young people to stay in their communities; and the need for increased support for adults to learn Welsh across Wales.

31. The Committee agreed that potential work on the Welsh Language in the Sixth Senedd could include:

- annual scrutiny of public sponsored bodies (including the Welsh Language Commissioner) and the Welsh Government;
- annual or regular scrutiny of 2050 targets;
- success of Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESPs)
- scrutinising Welsh language standards;
- factors impacting Welsh as a community language;
- reviewing Welsh-medium education opportunities.

Sport

32. Sport is a new subject area for this Committee compared with its predecessor committee in the Fifth Senedd. The Committee's work on this includes all matters related to sport, physical activity and sporting events.

33. As outlined already in this report, access and participation is one of the Committee's values for our work the Sixth Senedd. The Committee launched a call for written evidence for an inquiry into participation in **sport in disadvantaged areas in spring 2022**. Oral evidence sessions and visits to relevant organisations will be taking place from March until summer 2022. When considering the focus of this inquiry, the Committee also considered **participation in sport** amongst older people and children. Physical activity in older age can improve health outcomes and reduce loneliness and isolation. On the other hand, received wisdom is that children and young people who are active are more likely to participate throughout their lives (a review of this was completed in the Fifth Senedd). Either way, the Committee believes there are strong reasons for investigating participation in sport and physical activity across the board.

34. In its written evidence for the 2022/23 Draft Budget, the Welsh Government stated that **sport could be the "most effective preventative health tool"**. As this Committee noted in our scrutiny report, the funding allocations for Sport in the Draft Budget did not seem to back up this claim. During the Committee's one-day inquiry, Sport Wales stated that it would like to do more in this area, working across different sectors, to achieve this aim⁷.

35. The Welsh Government's previous **major sports events strategy** concluded in 2020. Between 2008 and 2020, Wales has hosted a number of global sporting events including the UEFA Champions' League Final and the Ryder Cup. However, at the moment there is no clear approach from Welsh Government on how it intends to build on this success in future. A joint UK and Ireland bid has been made for the 2028 Euro Football Championships. Aside from that, there is no clarity on its approach to hosting future major sporting events. There are also questions as to what the benefits of hosting such events would be: be they economic impact from expenditure; increased sport participation related to the specific event; or improving cultural ties with countries in attendance.

36. Members agreed that potential work on Sport in the Sixth Senedd could include:

- annual scrutiny of public sponsored bodies (including Sport Wales) and the Welsh Government;

⁷ Para 25, CCWLSIR 20 October 2021

- sports participation in older people, and children and young people;
- role of sport as a health prevention measure;
- the Welsh Government's approach to major sports events.

International relations

37. As with Sport, the International Relations remit is new to this Committee compared with its predecessor in the Fifth Senedd. However, the international context in which the Sixth Senedd operates has changed significantly compared with that of the previous Senedd. The **UK's exit from the EU and Covid-19 have both fundamentally changed the way in which Wales and the UK engage with the world**. Issues such as the climate crisis, net zero and other international movements on equality and justice have risen up the agenda. The Welsh Government's international strategy was published when these issues were still emerging.

38. In the Fifth Senedd, a dedicated Minister for International Relations was responsible for the delivery of the strategy. The First Minister is now responsible for leading on matters relating to international relations, **Wales in Europe, the overseas offices** and developing links with the **Welsh Diaspora**. Other policy areas covered by the strategy which were in the portfolio of the former Minister for International Relations, such as trade and the Wales and Africa Programme, are now the responsibility of other Ministers within the Welsh Government.

39. Stakeholders told the Committee about this changing context. Whilst they didn't advocate for wholesale reform of the strategy, they highlighted the need **for a "refocusing", or a "refresh" of some elements of the international strategy**. This included the need for the whole of the Welsh Government - not just the international relations division - to articulate clear and ambitious outcomes for **Wales in the changing global context**. They talked of the advantages and disadvantages of not having a dedicated Minister for International Relations, and the need to ensure that cross-sector working on international issues isn't lost without a focal point within the Welsh Government to bring different international activities together.

40. The Welsh Government has emphasised the importance of coordinating its international activities with other organisations working abroad. Some stakeholders made clear to the Committee that they were closely engaged with the Welsh Government in areas of joint-priorities, and that some external organisations had been appointed as delivery partners to support the implementation of the international strategy. However, some stakeholders highlighted that engagement with the Welsh Government in this area has been disparate and often 'ad hoc', but there were significant opportunities available to work more closely together.

41. Given the vast scope of the international relations remit, the Committee will look at new ways to carry out our international relations remit. The Committee will also make use of opportunities to engage internationally and externally on this area of our work and build international engagement into our other policy inquiries, where appropriate. This is likely to include more traditional scrutiny methods such as sessions with relevant Ministers and delivery organisations. It will also include regular monitoring of international activity undertaken by Welsh Ministers and seeking opportunities for joint working with other Committees as may be appropriate.

42. Members agreed that scrutiny of overarching issues in the Sixth Senedd will include:

- Pursuing annual scrutiny with the First Minister, and conduct regular scrutiny of other Ministers with large areas of international activity in their portfolio, such as the Minister for Social Justice, Minister for Economy, Minister for Education and Welsh Language and Minister for Climate Change.
- Monitoring of Welsh Government international activity on an on-going basis with any issues of interest pursued through correspondence.
- Considering the impact of Wales' global footprint and impact of its policy decisions, including Wales as a Fair Trade Nation, the role of the overseas offices, engagement with the Welsh diaspora and relationship between the Welsh Government and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. Informal engagement with stakeholders and external delivery partners.

43. Potential work on International Relations in the Sixth Senedd could include:

- The relationship between Wales and Ireland, including scrutiny of the Ireland-Wales joint action plan, and relations between the Senedd and the Oireachtas;
- Wales in Europe, including cross-border collaboration, participation the EU Horizon programme and development of the Welsh Government's Taith+ programme; and the
- Role of major events in promoting Wales to the world.

Annex A: Summary of witnesses and outcomes for one-day inquiries

Ministerial Scrutiny		15 September 2021
Vaughan Gething MS	Minister for Economy	
Dawn Bowden MS	Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport and Chief Whip	
Jason Thomas	Director, Culture, Sport and Tourism	
Sioned Evans	Director Business and Regions	
Paula Walsh	Deputy Director International Relations	
Ifona Deeley	Head of International Relations	
<p>The Committee questioned the Minister for Economy and the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport and Chief Whip on the delivery of their portfolio. The Committee also received a briefing from Welsh Government officials on the government's International Strategy. The transcript of this meeting is available here.</p> <p>Following the meeting the Committee sent the following letters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A letter to the Minister for Economy and the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip asking: for clarity on the division of responsibilities within the portfolio; them to set out their strategic approach to their remit; for deadlines for delivery of the Programme for Government objectives; and for copies of all Government Sponsored Public Bodies remit letters. ▪ A letter to the First Minister asking for: his priorities for the international relations remit; his resource allocations for this work; an update on progress on the international strategy; and an update on 'Wales in Europe'. 		

Ministerial Scrutiny and scrutiny of the Welsh Language Commissioner		29 September 2021
Jeremy Miles MS	Minister for Education and the Welsh Language	
Owain Lloyd	Director of Education and Welsh Language	

Bethan Webb	Deputy Director – Welsh Language
Aled Roberts	Welsh Language Commissioner
Dyfan Sion	Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner
Gwenith Price	Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner
<p>The Committee questioned the Minister for Education and Welsh Language on the delivery of his portfolio and also questioned the Welsh Language Commissioner on his work, in particular, the Annual Report 2020-21 and Assurance Report 2020-21. The transcript of this meeting is available here.</p> <p>As a result of the discussions in this meeting, the Committee sent the following letters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A letter to the Minister for Education asking for: figures for online learning; an update on the commission to support Welsh as a community language; and planned legislation and support for the National Eisteddfod. ▪ A letter to the Welsh Language Commissioner on the work his office is doing internationally; details of his concerns for the language as a result of the planned changes to support for agriculture; and the impact of COVID on Welsh in the workplace. ▪ A letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales requesting information on plans to mitigate the potential impact on the Welsh language arising from proposals to change the way support for agriculture is delivered. 	

Response to Small Screen: Big Debate		13 October 2021
Elinor Williams	Head of Regulatory Affairs, Ofcom Wales	
Rhuanedd Richards	Director of Programmes and Services for BBC Cymru Wales,	
Phil Henfrey	Head of News and Programmes, ITV Cymru Wales	
Owen Evans	Chief Executive, S4C	
Caitriona Noonan,	Cardiff University	
Ruth McElroy,	Ofcom Advisory Committee for Wales	
Hywel William	Chair of Ofcom Advisory Committee for Wales	
Gareth Williams	TAC (Teledwyr Annibynnol Cymru)	

As a result of the discussions in this meeting the Committee agreed a short report 'Response to Small Screen: Big Debate' which was sent to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport in early December. The transcript of this meeting is available [here](#).

The report following this meeting is available [here](#).

One day inquiry on Sport 20 October 2021

Brian Davies	Chief Executive Officer, Sport Wales
Victoria Ward	Chief Executive Officer, Wales Sports Association
Jennifer Huygen	Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, Community Leisure UK
Melitta McNarry	Professor, Sport and Exercise Sciences, Swansea University
Noel Mooney	Chief Executive Officer, Football Association Wales
Fergus Feeney	Chief Executive Officer, Swim Wales
Rob Butcher	Chairman, Welsh Rugby Union
Sarah Jones	Wales Netball
Steve Phillips,	Chief Executive, Welsh Rugby Union
Mark Killingley	Head of Digital and Communications, Welsh Rugby Union

The Committee questioned the sports representative bodies and national sporting unions on a range of challenges facing their respective sports. This included recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and what issues the Committee should focus upon during the Sixth Senedd. The transcript of this meeting is available [here](#).

Following the meeting the Committee [wrote](#) to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to invite her to attend a meeting to discuss the impact of global streaming services on Welsh public sector broadcasters, highlighting the impact of the broadcast of live Autumn International matches on Amazon.

One day inquiry on Heritage, Museums and Archives

10 November 2021

Christopher Catling	The Secretary, Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales
David Thomas	Head of Public Services, Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales
Nest Thomas	President, The Federation of Museums and Art Galleries of Wales
Sharon Heal	Director, Museums Association
David Anderson	Director General, National Museum Wales
Neil Wicks	Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director General, National Museum Wales
Pedr ap Llwyd	Chief Executive and National Librarian, National Library for Wales
Owain Roberts	Deputy Chief Executive and Librarian
Kath Davies	Director of Collections and Research
Nia Williams	Director of Learning and Engagement
Rebecca Nelson	Director of Finance and Accounting Officer, Arts Council for Wales
Diane Hebb	Director of Arts Engagement, Arts Council for Wales

The Committee questioned the national heritage, museums and archive bodies on a range of challenges facing their respective organisations and sectors. This included recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and what issues the Committee should focus upon during the Sixth Senedd. The transcript of this meeting is available [here](#).

As a result of the discussions in this meeting the Committee wrote to the National Museum Wales to ask for more detail on their Strategy until 2030; their response to the ‘Widening Engagement’ reports which were published in August 2021 and an update on their discussions with the Welsh Government on their Key Performance Indicators. The Committee also wrote to the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport asking for an update on the development of a National Art Gallery for Wales and a National Football Museum. All correspondence related to this evidence session can be found [here](#).

One day inquiry on Arts and Creative Industries		24 November 2021
Rebecca Nelson	Director of Finance and Accounting Officer, Arts Council for Wales	
Diane Hebb	Director of Arts Engagement, Arts Council for Wales	
Gillian Mitchell	Chief Executive, National Youth Arts Wales	
Lorne Campbell	Chief Executive and Artistic Director, National Theatre Wales	
Louise Miles-Payne	Director, Creu Cymru	
Clara Cullen,	Venue Support Manager, Music Venues Trust	
Sara Pepper	Director of Creative Economy, Cardiff University	
Dyfrig Davies	Chair, TAC	
Pauline Burt	Chief Executive, Ffilm Cymru Wales	
<p>The Committee questioned bodies from the arts and creative industries on a range of challenges facing their respective sectors. This included recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and what issues the Committee should focus upon during the Sixth Senedd. The transcript of this meeting is available here.</p> <p>Following the discussion in this meeting the Committee wrote to the Welsh Government on what support it has given to the Arts Council of Wales to help them fill the vacant post of Chief Executive and sent a separate letter to ask what plans the Government has to support the sector financially and for details of the impact of the COVID pass on cultural venues. All actions arising from this inquiry can be found here.</p>		

One day inquiry on Welsh Language		8 December 2021
Dr Ioan Matthews	Chief Executive, Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol	
Gwenllian Lansdown Davies	Chief Executive, Mudiad Meithrin	
Iestyn Davies	Chief Executive, CollegesWales	
Mabon Dafydd	Llywydd, Undeb Bangor Students' Union	
Sian Lewis	Chief Executive, Urdd Gobaith Cymru	
Betsan Moses,	Chief Executive, National Eisteddfod	

Tegwen Morris	National Director, Merched y Wawr
Caryl Hâf	Council Chairman, Young Farmers Club Federation
Ruth Richards	Chief Executive, Dyfodol i'r Iaith
Mabli Jones	Chair, Cymdeithas yr Iaith
Efa Gruffudd Jones	Chief Executive, National Centre for Learning Welsh
Dewi Snelson	Chair, Mentrau Iaith Cymru
<p>The Committee questioned Welsh Language organisations on a range of challenges facing their respective sectors. This included recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and what issues the Committee should focus upon during the Sixth Senedd. The transcript of this meeting is available here.</p>	

One day inquiry on International Relations		2 February 2022
Susie Ventris-Field	Chief Executive Officer, Wales Centre for International Affairs	
Claire O'Shea	Chair, Wales Overseas Agencies Group	
Zara May	Head of Community and Partnerships, Global Welsh	
Jenny Scott	Director, British Council	
Charles Whitmore	Research Associate, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University	
Ben Lloyd	Head of Policy, Wales Council for Voluntary Action	
Berwyn Davies	Head of Office, Wales Higher Education Brussels	
Noel Mooney	Chief Executive Officer, Football Association of Wales	
Eluned Hâf	Head, Wales Arts International	
Sian Lewis	Chief Executive Officer, Urdd Gobaith Cymru	
<p>The Committee questioned the international organisations on a range of challenges facing their respective sectors. This included recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and what issues the Committee should focus upon during the Sixth Senedd. The transcript of this meeting is available here.</p>		

Committee Members gathered for two sessions to discuss:

- working arrangements, such as effective questioning;
- strategic priorities for work during the Sixth Senedd;
- protocols for agreeing Committee outputs such as correspondence and reports; and
- inquiries for the Spring Term 2022.

Annex B: List of written evidence

The following people and organisations provided written evidence to the Committee in response to the consultation on “Priorities for the Sixth Senedd”. All consultation responses and additional written information can be viewed [here](#).

Reference	Organisation
PSS01	Creative Lives
PSS02	Arts Council of Wales
PSS03	S4C
PSS04	Wales Arts Health & Wellbeing Network
PSS05	Welsh NHS Confederation
PSS06	Creative Economy Unit Cardiff University
PSS07	Wales Overseas Agencies Group
PSS08	Dyfodol i’r Iaith
PSS09	Response from an Individual
PSS10	Size of Wales
PSS11	National Lottery Heritage Fund
PSS12	Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
PSS13	Wales Governance Centre
PSS14	Diverse Cymru
PSS15	Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol
PSS16	ITV Cymru Wales
PSS17	Wales Co-operative Centre
PSS18	Colleges Wales
PSS19	Wales for Europe
PSS20	Welsh Language Commissioner
PSS20.2	Welsh Language Commissioner
PSS21	National Youth Arts Wales

PSS22	National Dance Company Wales
PSS23	Mudiad Meithrin
PSS24	Response from an Individual
PSS25	Universities Wales and Welsh Higher Education Brussels
PSS26	Arts Council of Wales
PSS27	National Library of Wales
PSS28	Community Leisure UK
PSS29	National Union of Journalists
PSS30	Literature Wales
PSS31	Cyngor Cyfathrebu Cenedlaethol
PSS32	TAC
PSS33	Tŷ Cerdd
PSS34	Federation of Small Businesses
PSS35	Brass Bands Wales
PSS36	Sport Wales
PSS37	Cardiff University
PSS38	WLGA
PSS39	Royal College of Physicians Cymru Wales