

S4C Authority Bulletin
- Meeting 282 – 28 October 2005,
- S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the Authority's meeting held on 28 October 2005.

Chief Executive

The Chair noted the arrival of the new Chief Executive.

Minutes of the Risk and Audit Committee

Minutes were noted. The Risk and Audit Committee will need to approve them in their next meeting.

Chair's Report

ECS presented her report. The following points were noted:

Authorities Role

It was noted that a clearer view was needed regarding the Authority's role and day to day management functions. Statutory matters should be placed higher on the agenda of Authority meetings. Fewer factual reports should be discussed, allowing more time for strategic matters.

A clear understanding of the Authority's duties and where they overlap with those of Ofcom is needed. A paper will be prepared for next Authority meeting and there will be further discussion at the "Awayday".

November's Events

Meetings have been arranged with the BBC on the 10th November. The first meeting is between the Chair and Chief Executives of both bodies. Members of the Authority and Board of Governors of BBC Wales will join them later.

Chairmanship

ECS noted the DCMS would be responsible for the process of finding a new Chair.

Complaints Report

The complaints report was noted. It was noted for the first time, each individual complaint should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Authority.

Report on Party Political representation on S4C's Welsh-language programmes during the Election campaign 2005

Consideration was given to the report.

Performance against the targets in the Corporate Plan 2005

Consideration was given to the Monitoring Report for the Corporate Plan for the third quarter.

Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented her report and Arshad Rasul joined to give a presentation on S4C carriage of DTT PSB Multiplex after switchoff. The following headlines were discussed as well:

- i) Digital Terrestrial
- ii) Switchco
- iii) Sponsorship Recognition
- iv) BBC
- v) The Service

Research Report and Presentation

Carys Evans gave a summary of John Priest's presentation on SPA's work for S4C "Keeping in Touch with the Audience – Trends and Insights".

Ellen Looker gave a presentation on S4C's Viewing Figures.

2006 Budget

KM presented a draft copy of the Budget Public Service Fund 2006-2015. The budget was agreed.

Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed and noted:

- Sponsorship Report
- Minutes and Report of the Compliance Group
- Viewers' Hotline Report
- Financial Report