

S4C Authority Bulletin

Meeting 284 – 16 December, 2005

S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the Authority's meeting held on 16 December, 2005.

Minutes of Audit and Risk Management Committee

Minutes of the above meeting were noted which took place on 30 September, 2005.

Chair's Report

ECS presented her report. The following matters were discussed:

- Programme Policy (see below)
- "Away-day" Meeting – action points for the Agenda was discussed.
- Visit to New York – ECS gave a report on her visit to New York where she met representatives from Sony and President of the St. David's Society in NY. A discussion on how best to contact the Welsh Societies abroad and promote S4C on Broadband.

Programme Policy Review for 2005

ED presented her report on draft Programme Policy 2005. The Management Team needs to give their response to the draft paper. Also need to contact Ofcom regarding the format of the above review.

Report on Action Points

Ifer Arch's report was noted on action points that were raised from the Authority meeting on 25 November, 2005. It was decided to refer the Gwynedd County Council complaint to the Complaints Committee. It was also agreed that minor changes were needed to the Code of Complaints with regard to the time complaints are received.

Compliance Group and minutes of the meeting of 2 December, 2005

The report and minutes were noted. The rewording of the conclusions regarding the political balance during the 2005 Election was accepted.

Chief Executives Report

The following matters were discussed/noted:

- **BBC** – the draft partnership agreement between the BBC and S4C was noted. It was explained that this was a draft copy and EM and David Fawcett (BBC) were meeting to discuss the paper that afternoon.
- **Media Literacy** – It was agreed that S4C should sign the Charter for Media Literacy.
- **Culture, Media and Sport Committee** – A summary was given on the presentation that IJ and AR gave to the Committee on the 6th December.
- **Programme Policy Statement 2005** – A draft of the statement will follow.
- **DCMS** – It was noted that Andrew Ramsay and Jon Zeff will be visiting S4C on Wednesday, 21 December.
- **ITV** – IJ to meet up with representatives of ITV in London next week.
- The new Chief Executive of BARB visited S4C where viewing figures were discussed in detail.
- IJ noted that she had accepted an invitation to be the new Chair of the Skillset Wales Panel and also an invitation to be Vice-President of the RTS.

Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed and noted:

- Financial Report
- Complaints and Viewers Hotline Report
- Commercial References Report (by Monitoring Unit in Aberystwyth).