

S4C Authority Bulletin
Meeting 294– 24 November 2006
S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 24 November 2006.

1. New Authority Member

The Chair welcomed Rheon Tomos to his first meeting. It was proposed and accepted that Rheon Tomos would be the Chair for the Risk Management and Audit Committee.

2. 2007 Budget Approval

The Chief Executive presented a draft copy of the 2007 Budget. Congratulations were expressed to S4C Executives for a professional document which was clear, concise and coherent. The Chief Executive noted recommendations and principles to the Budget. The 2007 Budget was approved.

3. Draft of the Corporate Plan for 2007

A draft copy of the Corporate Plan for 2007 was presented. Approval was based on some minor amendments. A copy of the Plan can be found on S4C's website – www.s4c.co.uk

4. Freedom of Information Policy

A draft copy of the Freedom of Information Policy was presented. It was agreed that the Information Officer laid comfortable within the role of the Secretary to the Authority. It was agreed that the Publication Scheme should also be included with this policy as an annex. The policy was approved for publication and a copy can be found on S4C's website – www.s4c.co.uk

5. Appoint members to the Content Committee

It was decided that there was a need to establish a Content Committee to oversee the Programme Policy Statement and the Review of the Programme Policy and Programme Strategy. Eira Davies was appointed as the Chair of the Committee.

6. Report by the Chair

The Chair noted that Pádhraic Ó Ciardha from TG4 had visited S4C to discuss broadcasting in minority languages and to report on recent changes to broadcasting in Ireland.

7. The Report of the Chief Executive

The Chief Executive presented her report and the following matters were noted:-

- A report on technical platforms was presented which summarized the present activities and strategy recommendation for the future.
- **Due separation of the Authority and the Executive** – it was confirmed that Nerys Hopkins had accepted a post as S4C's Director of Corporate and Commercial Policy and would stand down as Secretary to the S4C Authority. The Chair and the Authority members thanked Nerys for her leadership as Secretary to the S4C Authority and expressed their appreciation for the same.
- Rugby – it was noted that S4C had secured the right to broadcast the Rugby World Cup in 2007. S4C will be broadcasting up to 18 live games and numerous highlights programmes.
- The first S4C Sports Lecture in the company of John Eales was widely agreed to have been a successful evening.

The following reports were presented:

- Director of Commissioning
- Research Report
- Financial Report