

S4C Authority Bulletin

Meeting 305 – 22 November 2007

S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 22 November 2007.

1. Consultation on the proposed service for Children and Young People

RhG outlined the proposed timetable, and it is hoped to launch the nursery service in June 2008 with further elements to follow.

The broadcast pattern was approved conditional upon advice regarding whether an Order will be required for the nursery provision and also the discussions relating to broadcasting from the Assembly and S4C2 capacity for the junior and teen services.

2. The Chairman's Report

JWJ thanked everyone involved with S4C's broadcast of Ray Gravell's funeral from Stradey Park.

The Chairman attended the Mercator Conference in Aberystwyth to mark S4C's 25th birthday. He thanked the BBC for its sponsorship of the Friday evening dinner, and also Keith Jones for his kind words regarding the nature of the relationship between BBC and S4C.

JWJ noted that three successful lunches had been held at S4C together with a reception for producers and a reception in London as part of the birthday celebrations. Another reception is to be held in North Wales.

3. The Chief Executive's Report

IJ presented her report. She noted that Ofcom has published a consultation document relating to the reorganisation of the DTT multiplexes in order to make space for High Definition versions of the PSB services.

IJ noted that the latest report of the CMS Select Committee relating to the Content of Public Service Broadcasting has been published. It cites S4C as an example of public money being distributed to broadcasters directly and the broadcaster continuing to operate independently of government.

RhG noted that she had addressed the Voice of the Listener and Viewer conference relating to children's broadcasting and that S4C was the only broadcaster present who intends to increase its provision for children.

Following discussion the Authority approved S4C's Literacy in the Media 2008 statement.

4. 2008 Budget

KM agreed to present the 2008 Draft Budget at the December Authority meeting.

5. Approval of 2008 Draft Corporate Plan

Minor changes to the 2008 Corporate Plan were discussed.

6. Review of the S4C Child Protection Policy

The policy was discussed and approved.

7. Report on S4C's Action Points on Discrimination on the Grounds of Disability 2007

The report was accepted.

8. Draft of S4C's Disability Discrimination Action Plan for 2008

Following discussion the 2008 Action Plan was approved

9. Segmentation Research Presentation

A presentation on Segmentation Research was given by Carys Evans and representatives from GfK NOP

10. Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Compliance and Complaints Report
- Research Presentation and Report
- Director of Commissioning's Report
- Work Schedule of the Authority for 2007
- Events Table for 2007