

S4C Authority Bulletin
Meeting 307 – 25 January 2008
S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 25 January 2008.

1. Technical Presentation

Arshad Rasul, S4C Director of Broadcast and Distribution presented a series of slides explaining the distribution technology of the digital platforms, following which the Authority discussed elements of the presentation.

2. Research Presentation

Carys Evans, Head of Research, presented research results for 2007.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman referred to the next stage of Ofcom's review of public service broadcasting.

He referred to the Bianchi report on Welsh Language Print Media published recently.

The Chairman, together with a group of Authority members and S4C officers, will meet with Professor Colin Baker and his team next week to discuss matters relating to bilingualism.

He noted he had recently met with Jeremy Hunt MP, the opposition spokesman on culture, media and sport.

The Chairman together with Tim Hartley, Head of Corporate Affairs, and Phil Williams, Secretary to the S4C Authority, presented evidence on globalisation in broadcasting to the Select Committee on Welsh Affairs recently.

4. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented her report.

S4C's commercial activities were discussed.

She noted that S4C has reached a carbon-neutral status.

5. S4C Review of Statement of Programme Policy 2007

Eira Davies noted that the Content Committee discussed the draft version of the S4C Review of Statement of Programme Policy 2007. The officers will present a further draft to the Committee.

6. DCMS letter regarding S4C's grant for 2008

The Rt Hon. James Purnell MP's letter confirming the level of S4C's grant for 2008 was noted. The Chairman will write to the Secretary of State to thank him for his letter.

7. Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Compliance and Complaints Report
- Research Report
- Director of Commissioning's Report
- Monitoring Report on the 2007 Corporate Plan
- 2008 Corporate Plan
- Policy and Guidelines for Broadcasts by Political Parties and Election Broadcasts 2008
- Work Schedule of the Authority for 2008
- Events Table 2008