

S4C Authority Bulletin
Meeting 315 – 21 October 2008
S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 21 October 2008.

1. Next stage of Ofcom's review of public service broadcasting S4C's response

The Chairman noted that Ofcom has published phase 2 of its PSB review. The closing date for responses is 4th December.

Alun Ffred Jones AM has established a task and finish group under the chairmanship of Huw Jones to consider issues relating to PSB broadcasting through the medium of English in Wales.

2. S4C Children's Services: next stages

The Chief Executive presented a paper noting the work that needs to be done in preparation for Phase 2.

3. Digital/DSO

Huw Rossiter presented the S4C Communications Report for DSO.

4. 2009 Budget/5 year financial plan

Kathryn Morris presented the 5 year financial plan. In thanking her, it was noted that the report and budget shows a clear vision of S4C's strategic development during the next 5 years. The Authority approved the budget.

5. 2009 Corporate Plan

The Chief Executive presented the draft Corporate Plan for 2009. The Authority approved the Corporate Plan.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that the new Gaelic language service BBC Alba launched on 19 September. He noted that he had written to Alastair Morrison, MG Alba Chairman, Ken MacQuarrie, Controller of BBC Scotland and others to wish them success in their venture. The Chief Executive attended the launch of the service in Edinburgh.

7. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented her report.

She noted that S4C has received 6 nominations for this year's Promax awards.

The Chief Executive explained that Ofcom has awarded Multiplex B capacity to a consortium of Channel 4, S4C and Teletext. This was good news for S4C which means that S4C will be able to provide a HD version of S4C Digidol on Freeview in the future.

8. Fair Trading Policy

The Secretary presented the revised Fair Trading Policy. The Authority approved the Policy.

9. Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Compliance and Complaints Report
- Research Report
- Director of Commissioning's Report
- 2008 Corporate Plan Monitoring Report
- Monitoring Report on the S4C Disability Discrimination Action Plan for 2008
- Risk Management and Audit Committee Report