



S4C Authority Bulletin
Meeting 351 – 15 December 2011
S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 15 December 2011

1. Matters arising from minutes of meeting 350

The minutes of meeting 350 were approved.

Report of the New Media Forum – The report has been published and a Public Consultation has been launched with a closing date of Friday, 6 January 2012.

Tender for External Auditors – It was noted that the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport is content with the appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as external auditors following a tender process.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report.

Viewers Evening in Wrexham – One of the major issues raised was the loss of the S4C and BBC Cymru/Wales signal in the area recently. Work is continuing to solve the problem.

3. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented his written report.

DCMS – he referred to the consultation document amongst the Authority papers entitled "Consultation on proposals to amend S4C's Governance arrangements". The consultation has been postponed until the beginning of January. One possible effect of this upon S4C is on the timetable for appointing new Authority members. Internal teams have been established to undertake the work of discussions with the BBC.

TAC – the Chief Executive is to meet with Iestyn Garlick on 10 January 2012. It is expected that elections to the TAC Council will take place soon.

4. Report of the Director of Commissioning

He explained that S4C's weekly reach in Wales to date is up 6,000 in comparison with the same period last year in 2010.

GR presented his report on December's programmes.

The following were discussed in particular:

The performance of **Yr Wyl Cerdd Dant** this year was compared to broadcasts from the other national festivals. It was noted that there was strong competition from **The X Factor** and **I'm a Celebrity**.

The run of **Gwaith/Cartref** has come to an end and the response to it has been positive. Considerable mention was made of the series at the Viewers' Evening in Wrexham.

The low viewing figures for **Pobol y Cwm** on Friday night were questioned and it was explained that certain rugby games on BBC2 in Wales had performed well on Friday night attracting viewers from **Pobol y Cwm**.

GR referred to two tenders that have been announced namely the tender for Welsh Learners awarded to Fflic and the tender for the Friday night magazine programme awarded to Tinopolis.

He gave feedback on the second commissioning window explaining that 700 ideas had been submitted. The independent companies will be informed next Tuesday of the programmes still under consideration. There will be an opportunity to give feedback to the companies.

5. Other Matters

Sgrîn – Copies of the magazine Sgrîn were distributed to members. GLL noted that this Christmas edition was the last edition of the magazine due to the cuts to S4C's budget.

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Research Report
- Compliance and Complaints Report
- Finance Report
- Report from the Commercial Board
- Report from the Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Report from the Personnel and Remuneration Committee