



S4C Authority Bulletin
Meeting 338 – 26 October 2010
S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 26 October 2010

1. Matters arising from minutes of meeting 337

The minutes of meeting 337 were approved.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report.

The Chairman referred to the Viewers Meeting programme broadcast on Monday night. It had been an opportunity for the audience across Wales to express an opinion on S4C's services. 500 responses had been received before the programme as well as those during the programme and on Twitter which the Authority can consider whilst drawing up the strategy for the future.

3. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented his report.

Discussions with the DCMS

The letters from Jeremy Hunt to the Chairman and to Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman of the BBC Trust, were discussed and a form of response by the Chairman was agreed. It was agreed that possible models should be prepared for the future discussions and the representation from S4C at the meetings was discussed. The Chairman was to meet the Secretary of State for Wales on the following day.

Internal Review

The intention is to undertake the comprehensive internal review as outlined in the document presented to the DCMS. The internal review was approved.

2011 Commissions

AEO explained that letters were being sent to the independent companies outlining which contracts would not be available for 2011. The intention is to provide the complete output during 2011. An officer will look at the possibilities of using popular programmes from the archives.

S4C Economic Impact Survey

The main conclusions were that over 2,100 jobs are maintained in the creative industries in Wales by the activities of S4C and that 60% of the production sector are dependent on S4C investment. The survey was approved.

4. Director of Commissioning Report

It was noted that the viewing figures for the period were 16% higher than those for the same period last year. It was suggested that a Programme Review Committee be set up within S4C. Members will be invited to attend the meetings.

5. Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Staff conditions
- Corporate Plan Monitoring Report Q 1-3
- Monthly finance report
- Complaints and Compliance report