

LEGACY PAPER FOR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE – OUTLINE DRAFT

INTRODUCTION

1. New subject committees will be elected after the May 2003 elections and the Committee's existing work programme will cease. The work programme and priorities of the incoming Committee will be a matter for its Members to determine. However, the successor Committee may wish to consider the following as possible future discussion topics.

A) POLICY DEVELOPMENT - STANDING ORDER 9.7(I).

2. The incoming Committee may wish to undertake policy reviews into the following topics:

- Anglo-Welsh Culture
- Music
- Youth arts
- Dance

3. More detailed information on these topics is at appendices A to D *[to follow at 26th March meeting]*.

B) REVIEW OF EXPENDITURE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES BY MINISTERS - STANDING ORDER 9.7(II)

4. The incoming Committee may wish to scrutinise the Minister in the new session regarding the following topics.

(i) Culture in Common / Creative Future Implementation

5. The Post-16 Committee prepared an extensive report on art and culture in Wales entitled: "A Culture in Common". Whilst the Culture Committee inherited the report it did not formally adopt it. In response to the report, the Minister published a culture strategy: "Creative Future" which is intended to be implemented over a ten year period [check]. The Culture Committee has received regular updates on progress in implementing the strategy. The incoming committee may wish to continue to monitor progress.

(ii) Our Language: Its Future / Iaith Pawb

6. The Culture Committee report "Our Language: Its Future" represented a detailed review of the Welsh Language and recommendations for achieving a bi-lingual Wales. In response the Minister produced the action plan "Iaith

Pawb". The incoming committee may wish to receive regular progress reports on its implementation.

(iii) Policy Review of Sport and Physical Exercise

7. The present Committee carried out an in-depth policy review into sport and physical exercise in Wales. [The final report was debated in plenary on 1st April.] The incoming Committee may wish to examine the Minister's response to the report and regularly review the progress of the Minister in implementing the recommendations made by the Committee.

(iv) Assembly Cabinet's annual report

8. The incoming Committee may wish to compare the actual budget out-turn and delivery of objectives, as shown in the annual report, with the original expenditure proposals and targets set out in the previous year's plans and question the Minister regarding any shortfall. The annual report is usually published in November and covers the previous financial year.

(v) Minister's Monthly Report

9. The Committee may wish to continue the practice of questioning the Minister each month on a written report which covers progress with ongoing initiatives, new developments, and specific issues of interest to committee members.

(vi) Ad Hoc "themed" scrutiny sessions

10. The incoming Committee may wish to arrange additional scrutiny sessions on specific topics which may arise unexpectedly during the lifetime of the Committee.

C) REVIEW OF EXPENDITURE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES BY ASSEMBLY SPONSORED PUBLIC BODIES (ASPBs) – STANDING ORDER 9.7(III)

11. The incoming Committee may wish to develop a regular pattern of monitoring the ASPBs within its remit. The main elements of scrutiny of ASPBs are as follows.

(i) Quinquennial Reviews

12. Major reviews of ASPBs are undertaken on a 5 yearly basis. The incoming Committee will wish to comment on the draft terms of reference for the review; the draft Stage I (strategic review of the need for the ASPB's functions) report; and the draft Stage II (review of ASPB's performance issues) report.

(ii) Corporate plans, annual reports and remit letters

13. The incoming Committee may wish to:
- comment on ASPBs' draft corporate plans before the proposed targets are agreed with the Minister each year (timing: June/July);
 - scrutinise ASPBs on their annual reports (timing: autumn);
 - comment on the Minister's remit letter to each ASPB before they are issued (timing: January).

Ad hoc "themed" scrutiny sessions

14. The Committee may wish to hold ad hoc sessions with ASPBs on specific developments in their areas. A suggested order for inviting ASPBs to appear before Committee is at Annex E of this paper.

D) BUDGET – STANDING ORDER 9.8(I) AND S.O.19

15. The Finance Minister is required to invite subject Committees to provide their views on priorities for the Assembly's expenditure by July 2003. Ministers are then required to consult committees on the draft budget laid before plenary during the autumn.

E) OTHER ISSUES

- 16. National Waterfront Museum** – It is suggested that the incoming committee invites the National Waterfront Museum to make a presentation on the progress with establishing the new museum.

- 17. National Museums and Galleries of Wales** – A proposed session with NMGW was postponed to allow the Committee time to question the National Botanic Garden about their long term funding position. The incoming committee may wish to hold a session with the NGMW on their draft corporate plan for 2004-05 in June/July.

- 18. Music Foundation** – The Minister made a commitment to the present Committee to provide a paper on the Music Foundation. The incoming committee may wish to pursue this matter.

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[Appendices to follow for 26th March meeting]

Appendix A

Information on anglo-Welsh culture

Appendix B

Information on music

Appendix C

Information on youth arts

Appendix D

Information on dance

Appendix E

Information on previous ASPB scrutiny sessions