

Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022-23

February 2022

1. The Welsh Government published its Draft Budget for 2022-23 on Monday 21 December 2021.
2. As part of its annual budget scrutiny, the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations (CCWLSIR) Committee held a series of scrutiny sessions with Welsh Government Ministers at a meeting on Wednesday 19 January 2022. The Committee heard from the following Welsh Government Ministers:

Subject	Minister(s)
Culture, Communication and Sport	Vaughan Gething MS, Minister for Economy Dawn Bowden MS, Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport and Chief Whip
International Relations	Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister
Welsh Language	Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language

3. The Committee's budget scrutiny was also informed by written evidence from the Welsh Government and the views of stakeholders in written evidence submitted to the Finance Committee.
4. The Committee then wrote separately to Ministers with commentary on the draft budget and seeking further information on a range of different matters. These letters are attached at Annex A-C.
5. These letters represent the deliberations and recommendations for the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022-23 which fall within the CCWLSIR Committee's remit.



Annex A: Scrutiny of Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022-23: Culture, Communications and Sport

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Dear Vaughan and Dawn,

Thank you for attending the meeting of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee on Wednesday 19 January 2022 to discuss the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2022-23. Following the meeting, we would like to raise some further points with you regarding the draft budget for Culture, Communications and Sport. Where appropriate, we also make recommendations for the Draft Budget.

We will be copying this letter to the Chair of the Finance Committee to inform its scrutiny of the Draft Budget.

Cultural Recovery Funding and support for freelancers

It is notable that this is the first round of Cultural Recovery Funding that has not followed an equivalent funding announcement in England; therefore it is the first one largely funded from the Welsh Government's own resources rather than using a new Barnett Consequential. As such,

we note the Minister for the Economy's point that the amount of the Cultural Recovery Fund 3 was a "balance of need and what we could afford to provide."

We appreciate that the Welsh Government spending on this fund may be constrained by affordability. We therefore would like to see detailed analysis from the Welsh Government on the total scale of need in the sector, so the Committee and others can assess what further policy interventions may be needed to help the cultural sector survive and thrive following another winter of restricted activity.

We welcome the Welsh Government's doubling of the Emergency Business Fund grant award, which freelancers are eligible for, to £1,000. Previously, freelancers have received support at a higher level through a bespoke Freelancers Fund aspect of the Cultural Recovery Fund. Given the ongoing impact of the pandemic on cultural freelancers' incomes, we would like the Welsh Government to clarify if a subsequent round of the Freelancers' Fund will be forthcoming, and to provide its analysis of the impact on freelancers' incomes of the pandemic over winter 2021-2022.

Impact of COVID passes

During our discussions with you, we were surprised to hear that no formal mechanism is being used to consider the impact of COVID passes on cultural and sporting venues. As we discussed, we are aware of anecdotal information on the impact of the passes, which varies between different sectors. Like you, in terms of the impact on gate receipts, we have heard that outdoor venues are probably faring better than indoor locations.

Ffilm Cymru has previously told this Committee that they "are seeing venues—it's still early days, obviously—reporting dips of between 43 and 51 per cent from previous admissions, pre COVID passes." We accept that these figures could be as result of a number of issues, including changing behaviours of consumers driven by the pandemic, not just COVID passes. Having said that, for a small venue, we would expect that these types of figures to have a devastating impact on their incomes. For this reason, we are concerned that indoor venues, especially smaller settings like community arts and live music venues, are likely to feel the impact of COVID passes more than say a large sports stadium.

In order to fully understand the financial impact of these passes, we recommend that the Welsh Government urgently undertake a formal review of their impact. We should state that this isn't about whether or not such passes should have been introduced - that is a separate discussion. It is so that we are all able to fully understand the financial implications for these small

community venues and ensure that the relevant support is available to help support their survival, before work begins on their recovery. We welcomed your openness regarding having further conversations as to where such support may be needed; this review would greatly inform such conversations.

Recommendation: Welsh Government should urgently undertake a formal review of the financial impact that COVID passes have had on cultural and sports venues.

Cultural strategy

We welcome the news that your work on a cultural strategy will begin in earnest this year, we look forward to seeing the detail in due course. Given how central this strategy is to your spending plans, we would be grateful if you would be willing to commit to regular meetings with the Chair in order to provide updates on the strategy's development.

At the appropriate time, we would also be grateful if you could provide clarity on the actual budget allocations for the strategy and the different government programmes which underpin the strategy. This would include information on who is responsible for which elements of the strategy. In addition to this, we'd also like to know how grassroots organisations in Wales will be able to shape the content of the strategy. This will help us understand how the strategy is funded and the work of other organisations in its development and its delivery.

Capital funding for the National Library and National Museum

We discussed our concerns with you regarding the capital funding reductions for both the National Library of Wales and the National Museum Wales. Capital funding for these institutions will be reduced by 32 and 33 per cent respectively in the next financial year. The National Library has previously told us that with regards to the **Tailored Review**:

Many of the most important recommendations are absolutely dependent on the level of funding from Welsh Government. So, the success of the implementation of the action plan will be absolutely dependent on to what extent Welsh Government have actually addressed recommendation 3 of the report, which is, to the library, the most important recommendation, in that the current financial position of the library and its relationship with Welsh Government is absolutely unsustainable.

As outlined in the Tailored Review, it is anticipated that up to £26m is required in capital funding to carry out necessary maintenance and improvements to the building. We are concerned that the longer it takes to complete this work, the longer that some of the nation's most important

collections could be under threat. We noted your explanation with regards to why the revenue and capital settlements for the National Library are as they are but we are strongly of the view that the backlog needs addressing urgently.

We also have similar concerns relating to the National Museum Wales capital budget settlement. As you will be fully aware, the building in Cathays Park faces significant challenges in terms of its upkeep and maintenance. You have recognised that there is an issue with maintenance work in your written evidence to us. We agree with you that this capital work is also about “supporting work streams which will improve visitor experience...”. However, as with the National Library, there is potentially a serious threat to some important collections.

Both these institutions are absolute treasures for our nation and we are sure you will agree with us that both these issues require action now rather than later. We would recommend that you outline how you will support both institutions to tackle these issues.

Recommendation: Welsh Government should outline how they intend to support both the National Library of Wales and National Museum Wales to address their backlog of capital projects.

Budget expenditure for Sport

Your written evidence in advance of our session stated that:

Sport can be the nation's most effective preventative health tool but greater cross-sector prioritisation is needed to create the long-term sustainable shifts in participation.

Sport Wales said in its **evidence** to our Priorities for the Sixth Senedd consultation that it would like to contribute more across portfolios to tackle inequality, improve public health and increase community cohesion. Sport Wales **data** also shows that older adults, those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and those with a long-standing condition or illness are more likely to report doing less activity than they were before the pandemic. Yet, despite the narrative you have put forward, the Draft Budget states that revenue funding for Sport only increases from £22.4 million to £22.7 million in the 2022-23 draft budget (an increase of 1 per cent in cash terms). In addition, over the same period, capital funding is cut from £8.6 million to £8 million (a decrease of 7 per cent in cash terms). This is happening at a time when the annual consumer prices index is running at 4.8 per cent (correct as of 19 January 2022). Could you outline how the real-terms cuts to the Sport budget expenditure line meets the statement highlighted above?

At our evidence session, you stated that an additional £4m has been provided to Sport Wales to help fund grass-roots sports and to improve local facilities. Given that there is three months of this financial year remaining, how confident are you that this funding can be spent within that time? Previously, arms-length bodies such as Sport Wales have required Welsh Government approval to carry forward year end cash in excess of two per cent of their total gross annual budget. Have you had any discussions with Sport Wales in regards to this if the money is unspent?

We also understand that sport and physical activity initiatives are run by other Welsh Government departments. For instance, the Age friendly Wales initiative, which is run from Health and Social Care, includes commitments to aiding older people to be more physically active. We appreciate that such initiatives do not fall within your direct responsibilities with regards to sport, however, we would be grateful if you could provide a breakdown of:

- the funding allocated for all sport and physical activity programmes across different Welsh Government departments;
- details of each of these programmes and how they align with the Welsh Government's broader strategy for sport; and
- an outline of the totality of additional funding for sport and physical activity by the Welsh Government within the past five years.

Recommendation: Welsh Government should clarify which sports and physical activity initiatives are funded by all departments in its Draft Budget narrative.

Remit letters and multi-year funding cycles

We are grateful to you for sharing with us copies of the remit letters for the different sponsored bodies which are funded from your department. Both the Arts Council for Wales and Sport Wales noted in their evidence submissions on the Draft Budget they would like to see a move towards multi-year budget settlements. Specifically, the Arts Council said:

We, like the sector we help to sustain, have inflationary and pay cost pressures that we are unable to address without knowing our budget beyond the operational year. The inability to plan affects the freelancing back bone of the arts and the creative economy.

During our meeting, it was noted that a restraint on introducing multi-year budgets was that the UK operates an annual cycle model of funding. This could mean that there are differences in

margins with regards to funding each year – and this is the case in spite of the fact that the UK Government has moved to multi-year settlements for the devolved nations. We don't believe that the restraint caused by an annual accountancy cycle is a strong enough rationale for not introducing multi-year settlements. The benefits of assurance and security that multi-year budgets can provide, in our view, outweigh the challenges posed by a 12-month accounting cycle.

Given that you already publish three-year indicative budgets, will you now commit to moving beyond this, and commit to delivering multi-year funding awards for Welsh Government sponsored bodies?

Recommendation: Welsh Government should provide their public sponsored bodies with multi-year funding settlements in order to provide assurance of funding over a longer period.

Skills in the creative sector

Concerns were raised about a potential skills shortage limiting growth in the screen industries in 2018. In September 2021, the Welsh Government announced that “a new creative skills body will be delivered internally through Creative Wales”. In their response to the Finance Committee's 2021-22 Draft Budget consultation, the eight National Companies funded by the Arts Council of Wales said that this new creative skills initiative:

...requires financial backup to ensure that growth opportunities and demands needs can be realised. This includes provision for more apprenticeships (including shared apprenticeships); the development and advancement of conversion courses that enable people with transferable skills to move into the sector and continued professional development training.

In relation to creative skills, could you outline your plans for:

- the number of apprenticeships for the sector for 2021-26;
- developing new courses to help meet the demand created by the sector;
- meeting the jobs demand of the sector.

Pay settlement in the public sector

We noted your comments that there is no provision within the current draft budget expenditure lines to address public sector pay increases. As we discussed in our meeting, given the current rate of inflation and pay increases due for public sector workers, we are concerned that the draft

settlements could in reality turn out to be real term funding cuts. You did however state that there is potential for additional allocations to help with these costs.

We accept that there is a finite amount of money, but public sector organisations need certainty. We would recommend that you provide a stronger commitment to these organisations that you will actively work with them on the pay settlement costs.

Recommendation: Welsh Government should give a stronger commitment to helping public sector organisations with funding pay increases for staff.

Heritage scrutiny session

Finally, and relating to your ministerial responsibilities, we would welcome the opportunity to undertake a scrutiny session on your work related to heritage. We envisage this could take shape in the form of a one-day session considering the issues facing the heritage sector in Wales. This would include discussions on historical sites, historical preservation and future plans for this Senedd term. Alternatively, if this is not possible before the summer, we would welcome the opportunity to receive a technical briefing from Welsh Government officials to help Committee Members better understand the work in this area.

Yours sincerely,



Delyth Jewell MS

Chair

Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee of the Welsh Parliament

Annex B: Scrutiny of Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022-23: International Relations

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Scrutiny of Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022-23: International Relations

Dear Mark,

Thank you for attending the meeting of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee on Wednesday 19 January 2022 to discuss the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2022-23. Following the meeting, we would like to raise some further points with you regarding the draft budget for International Relations. Where appropriate, we also make recommendations for the Draft Budget.

We will be copying this letter to the Chair of the Finance Committee to inform its scrutiny of the Draft Budget.

Transparency on expenditure plans

We were disappointed not to receive any form of written evidence from you in advance of the meeting as is custom. As far as we understand, you were the only Minister not to do so. Instead, we were reliant on information previously provided which was incomplete or made reference to spending in previous budgets.

We would therefore ask that you ensure that future budgets are published with the detail that we require to properly complete our scrutiny function. Whilst the total expenditure on International Relations might be smaller in comparison to the rest of the Welsh Government budget, we believe this is important work and as such we would expect to see better transparency provided for your spending plans.

Recommendation: Welsh Government should publish more detail for the International Relations budget expenditure line in future draft budget documents and in other budget documents where relevant such as Supplementary Budget proposals

Funding for action plans

Of the £8.9million budget allocated for International Relations, you noted that £3.22million was “essentially allocated for internal management purposes to the four...action plans that underpin our international strategy.” You noted that funding allocations for the four action plans are as follows:

Action plan	Funding allocation (£)
Diaspora engagement	£190,000
Priority regional relationships and networks	£150,000
Wales and Africa	£350,000
International relations through public diplomacy and soft power	£1,400,000
TOTAL	£2,090,000

As you will notice, there is a shortfall of approximately £1.13million between the total allocated budget and the funding allocations you outlined in the meeting. In previous correspondence to the Committee, you have confirmed that there was a similar amount allocated for “cross-cutting activities” in 2021-22. For completeness, we would be grateful if you could confirm that this additional £1.13million is allocated for the same activity as well as outline what this activity includes. It would be helpful if you could also confirm: why the allocations for some action plans have changed compared to 2021-22; if this is an increase or decrease in the 2022-23 final budget for the four action plans; whether this is also anticipated to be the case in the indicative budget for years 2023-24 and 2024-25, and what this spending will be focussed on.

We are unclear what ‘internal management purposes’ means and what outcomes will be delivered as a result of this spend. We would therefore welcome further information on the actions that will be delivered by the Welsh Government as a result of this spend in 2023-24.

Wales for Africa programme

As outlined above, you stated that £350,000 is allocated for aspects of the Wales and Africa programme that fall within your ministerial responsibilities. However, you also noted that there is further money for this programme which falls under the responsibilities of the Minister for Social Justice. Aside from the *Size of Wales Mbale Tree Planting Project*, we were under the impression that the entire Wales and Africa Programme was the responsibility of the Minister for Social Justice. Given this, we would welcome clarity on:

- which aspects of the Wales and Africa programme are covered by both yours and the Minister for Social Justice's different budget expenditure lines, and confirmation of the level of funding which underpins the split of responsibilities;
- the rationale for dividing up the Wales and Africa programme between two different Welsh Government Ministers.

Recommendation: Welsh Government should publish more detail outlining the different responsibilities for the Wales and Africa programme for different Ministers.

International office expenditure

The remainder of International Relations budget (a sum of £5.434million) is allocated to the work of the Welsh Government's international offices. Further to the evidence you provided in the session, we would be grateful if you outline:

- the final budget for 2021-22 for each Welsh Government international office and the draft budget for 2022-23 for each office;
- the indicative budgets for each office for 2023-24 and 2024-25;
- what, if any, additional funding allocations are being provided to any international office to accommodate one-off programmes of work i.e. does the Toronto office receive additional funding to assist with the Wales in Canada programme of work?

We'd also be grateful if you could confirm whether funding is provided to the international offices from other Welsh Government Ministers and departments given the role of the offices on matters relating to trade and inward investment.

Funding international relations work elsewhere in government

Whilst there is a single International Relations budget expenditure line, it is clear that some allocations to deliver international activity and the international strategy are contained within other departmental draft budget allocations. For example the spend for inward investment activities is included under the Economy Main Expenditure Group which is the responsibility of

the Minister for the Economy, and the spend for the International Learning Exchange Programme is included under the Education and Welsh Language Main Expenditure Group, which is the responsibility of the Minister for Education and Welsh Language. We appreciate that such initiatives do not fall within your direct responsibilities with regards to international relations, as such, we would be grateful if you could provide a breakdown of:

- the funding allocated for all international programmes across different Welsh Government departments;
- details of each of these programmes and how they align with the Welsh Government's international strategy; and
- confirmation as to who is responsible for coordinating these programmes to ensure they deliver effective outcomes and ensure value for money; .

Regular scrutiny of International Relations

Finally, we would be grateful if you could confirm whether you would be minded to accept our invitation to attend a regular scrutiny session with our Committee. Whilst we understand that you have many competing priorities in your diary, we believe that the international relations work of the Welsh Government is of crucial importance and, as such, should be subject to regular scrutiny.

At our meeting you suggested that the half-termly Scrutiny of the First Minister Committee sessions could provide opportunities for this scrutiny to take place. The Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister was established to scrutinise the First Minister on 'any matter relevant to the exercise of the functions of the Welsh Government'. With several competing and important issues such as the government's on-going response to the Covid pandemic, as a Committee we don't believe those sessions are therefore appropriate to provide sufficient scrutiny of your work in this specific area. Additionally, neither does the Chair of our Committee sit on the Scrutiny of the First Minister Committee.

You will also be aware that in the Fifth Senedd term (2016-21), the Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language attended committee meetings on a fairly regular occurrence. Given there is no longer a dedicated minister for international relations, we believe that it's important that committee scrutiny of this area of work be upheld. We would therefore welcome the opportunity to discuss and scrutinise the international relations work of the Welsh Government on a regular basis.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex C: Scrutiny of Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022-23: Welsh Language

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Dear Jeremy,

Thank you for attending the meeting of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee on Wednesday 19 January 2022 to discuss the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2022-23. Following the meeting, we would like to raise some further points with you regarding the draft budget for the Welsh language.

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Economy and the Welsh language

Please could you outline your expectations for the Arfor scheme in terms of its impact on the Welsh language? Given that the stated purpose of the scheme 'is to support the creation of more and better paid jobs in areas with a high proportion of Welsh speakers',¹ what key

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¹ Rhaglen ARFOR

performance indicators (KPIs) are delivery partners expected to meet as a condition of receiving funding?

Has there been an evaluation of the scheme to date? If so, please could you share the results of this evaluation with the Committee?

You mentioned the Economy and Welsh Language Roundtable has been used to inform the Arfor scheme and the work on co-operative schemes you are developing. Please could you set out the terms of reference for the Roundtable and share with the Committee any outputs from their discussions which are used to inform language policy, such as the minutes from their meetings. Also, could you share the proposals for Government support for co-operative bodies, and the link to supporting the Welsh language with the Committee at the earliest opportunity?

Welsh-medium education

In terms of the additional £8 million over three years for the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol and the National Centre for Learning Welsh, could you please set out how the funding will be allocated to each organisation and what objectives they have been set?

The additional funding for the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol is very welcome, particularly as the post-16 education sector is an area where the predecessor Committee in the Fifth Senedd has been pushing for increased investment.

Having said this, the best way to ensure children fully acquire the language and therefore leave school fluent in Welsh, is if they are immersed in the language from a very early age – that means significant investment in early years provision and language transmission. You said that the Programme for Government has an emphasis on early years language acquisition and that the Mudiad Meithrin have a target to open 60 additional cylchoedd meithrin during this Senedd. What are the resource implications for the Mudiad Meithrin in order to achieve this target, and what evaluation has been undertaken in relation to progress made between 2017-2021?

You also said that you have allocated an additional £200,000 for the rest of this year 'to expand some of the *mudiad's* activities' and to provide 'vocational opportunities'. Please could you provide the Committee with details about this additional allocation and anticipated outcomes?

Increasing the number of Welsh-medium teachers

There are significant developments upcoming within the education sector, and a number of new requirements on schools and teachers relating to the Welsh language, such as;

- the new Curriculum for Wales which is soon to be rolled out with renewed focus on languages and culture;
- new professional standards for practitioners to develop their Welsh language skills;
- new guidance for categorising schools with the aim of moving schools along the language continuum.

During the meeting, you referred to measures to meet that need, such as the Welsh Language Sabbatical Scheme to 'upskill the current workforce so that they have enhanced capacity and better skills to provide'.

You also said that the National Centre for Learning Welsh provides online courses for teachers. I understand that this increases the flexibility of provision and therefore may appeal to those teachers who are not able or willing to enrol on the Sabbatical Scheme.

However, given that the latest Cymraeg 2050 Annual Report shows a reduction in the number of primary school teachers able to teach through the medium of Welsh, and that the number of secondary school teachers able to teach through the medium of Welsh has remained relatively flat, what consideration did you give to expanding the budget and scope of the Welsh Language Sabbatical Scheme?

What actions have you taken in response to the conclusions and recommendations in the evaluation of the Sabbatical Scheme?

Together, the Sabbatical Scheme, the Iaith Athrawon Yfory scheme, the online learning from the National Centre for Learning Welsh and their pilot scheme for university students, show a creative approach to increasing teacher numbers. However, these schemes, at present, do not appear to provide the scale of intervention necessary to increase teaching capacity to meet the targets of Cymraeg 2050. How will success of the various interventions be measured against the Government's Cymraeg 2050 targets?

Additional funding announcement

On 18 January 2022, you announced £1 million to encourage the use of Welsh. I understand that:

- £600,000 will be provided to the National Eisteddfod towards hosting the 2022 event in Tregaron;
- funding for the National Centre for Learning Welsh for projects which include creating on-line taster courses for refugees and asylum seekers to learn Welsh, without needing to be fluent in English; and
- Funding for Rhieni dros Addysg Gymraeg to develop information about Welsh-medium education in minority languages and promote Welsh medium education among minority ethnic communities.

Please could you set out how much funding will be provided for each of these projects and whether this is 'new' money or if the funding has been repurposed from existing budgets? Please could you tell the Committee why you have prioritised these organisations for additional funding and the consultation process you engaged in before making this decision?

Prosiect 2050

When discussing language planning, you mentioned that Prosiect 2050 will be commissioning a piece of work from Dr Simon Brooks to gain a better understanding of the 'socioeconomic impact on the Welsh language'. You went on to say that this analysis could be used to assess the opportunities across Government to 'change your policy requirements, to change the powers available in those areas, reflecting local circumstances'.

I would be grateful if you could keep the Committee informed of this work and report on the outcomes and how they will be used to influence policy decisions across Government.

Withdrawal of the 'Helo Blod Lleol' scheme

Following your announcement on 18 January 2022 to withdraw 'Helo Blod Lleol', could you provide details on your rationale for the decision, and any assessment of the impact it will have on delivery partners?

Housing and the language

You mentioned that your department is engaged in joint work on the housing sector with the Minister for Economy, the Minister for Finance and Local Government and the Minister for Climate Change 'to look in a way that is challenging to the usual modus operandi, at the range of things that we can do'.

The Committee would like to know more about this creative approach to the housing sector and the Welsh language. I would be grateful if you could report on this work at a future meeting.

We would be grateful to receive your comments on the areas highlighted, and to gain a greater understanding of how the targets set out in Cymraeg 2050 will be both shared across government departments and overseen by your own department, and how work in this area is being prioritised.

Yours sincerely,

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