

S4C Authority Bulletin

Meeting 304 – 18 October 2007

S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 18 October 2007.

1. Welcome

The Chairman explained that during the meeting of the Authority's members on 17 October it was decided to appoint a Vice-chair, in accordance with section 4.5 of the Standing Orders. The members had unanimously elected Eira Davies to the role.

2. Consultation on the proposed service for Children and Young People

It was noted that Ofcom has published a review of the future of broadcasting for children and that it contained positive comments relating to S4C's provision in the field of children's services.

IJ agreed to present a budget and project plan for the first phase of the children's service to the Authority by the November meeting. She also agreed to report monthly on the progress of the children and young people's service against the project plan.

3. The Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that he had attended the party conferences, and thanked C Ll, Tim Hartley and Gwydion Lyn for their help in organising the visits.

He noted that The Economic Impact of S4C on the Welsh Economy 2002-2006 Report has been published and has received a favourable response in the press.

The Chairman noted that he had attended a reception given by Autism Cymru on 17 October, and that he has given several interviews regarding S4C's 25th birthday.

JWJ thanked Alun Thomas for his contribution as Secretary to the Authority over the last seven months.

4. The Chief Executive's Report

IJ presented her written report. She referred to Ofcom's Review of Public Service Broadcasting.

IJ noted that the Boomerang group was about to list on the Alternative Investment Markets.

IJ informed the Authority that S4C has signed a lease for new offices at Doc Fictoria in Caernarfon.

IJ has written to Nia Thomas who has decided to leave TAC to thank her for her contribution during her time as Chief Executive of TAC.

5. Approval of 2008 Budget

KM presented the draft budget for the 2008 financial year together with a draft financial plan for 2009 – 2017, and a discussion was had on the content and explanatory notes of the draft budget.

6. Approval of the 2008 Corporate Plan

IJ explained that the 2008 targets have been reviewed and that some targets had been simplified in order to better reflect what S4C wishes to achieve during 2008.

7. Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Compliance and Complaints Report
- Audit and Risk Committee Minutes
- Personnel and Remuneration Committee Minutes
- Research Presentation and Report
- Director of Commissioning's Report
- Work Schedule of the Authority for 2007
- Events Table for 2007