

S4C Authority Bulletin

Meeting 308 – 22 February 2008

S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the meeting of the Authority held on 22 February 2008.

1. Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that he had attended the Labour Party Conference in Llandudno.

He noted that a meeting was held between Professor Colin Baker and his team from Bangor University's ESRC Centre recently.

The Chairman noted that a very successful public meeting was held in Caerphilly the previous evening. Many of those present were keen to express a positive opinion regarding S4C's services.

The Chairman and members of the Authority attended a presentation by Ofcom in Caernarfon recently.

2. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive presented her report.

Delyth Wynne Griffiths, S4C's Director of Business Affairs, explained that the officers have conducted a Review of the Supply Chain. Rhian Gibson presented matters arising from the Review which deals with the commissioning process and noted that the aim is to continue to develop the process. The Chairman expressed his thanks to the officers for preparing the review and for their interesting presentation.

The Chief Executive referred to Ofcom's consultation on the reorganisation of the DTT multiplexes and noted that discussions will continue with other broadcasters and Ofcom, and she will report regularly to the Authority.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Executive for including an explanation of the work of the *Convergence Think Tank* in her papers.

3. Use of the Welsh language

The Secretary to the Authority noted that the Authority has received a request from the Compliance Group to approve a composite document on the latest children's programmes language policy. He emphasised that this was not change of policy, but merely the creation of one composite document. Following a discussion the Authority approved the composite Policy.

4. Content Committee report and recommendations

Eira Davies, Chair of the Content Committee, explained that the Committee had discussed and approved the Review of the Statement of Programme Policy 2007, and also discussed the review of the performance of BBC programmes under the Strategic Partnership in their meeting. She noted that the Statement of Programme Policy 2008 will also be published on the S4C website www.s4c.co.uk

5. Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed/noted:

- Compliance and Complaints Report
- Research Report
- Director of Commissioning's Report
- Work Schedule of the Authority for 2008
- Events Table 2008