S4C Authority Bulletin - Meeting 281 – 30 September 2005, - S4C, Cardiff

This bulletin reports on the Authority's meeting held on 30 September 2005.

Chief Executive

The Chair expressed her thanks to Huw Jones as Chief Executive of S4C for the past 12 years.

Secretary

The Chair welcomed Elin Morris to the meeting as the Secretary of the Authority during Nerys Hopkins's maternity leave.

BBC

It was noted that S4C were waiting to hear from the BBC regarding the Draft Strategic Partnership Agreement that was sent to them on the 19th September. Need to agree on the format of the Agreement by the end of October. Hopefully it will be available to the Authority for approval in its October meeting.

It was also noted that further discussions with the BBC were taking place on other areas of co-operation.

S4C International

The successful contractor for S4C's programme sales and brokering co-productions work has offered work to two S4C staff. S4C has agreed that the contractor can occupy the S4C International building until the end of the MIPCOM market for selling programmes at Cannes.

Child Protection Policy

It was agreed that each member of staff should read the Child Protection Policy and confirm that they have read and understood it. In due course this will be conducted through the use of new software that includes suitable questions.

Digital switchover and analogue switchoff

The change is scheduled to take place in Wales during the second half of 2009. The importance of bringing the consumers and retailers attention to the changes was noted.

Presentation on Freedom of Information Act

Dafydd Downes gave a presentation on the Freedom of Information Act to S4C.

Other Matters

The following matters were also discussed and noted:

- Programmes/Content Report
- Financial Report
- Complaints Report
- Minutes and Report of the Compliance Group held on 15 July 2005
- Viewers' Hotline Report
- Research Report