

WELSH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of WCEC meeting held by tele-conference on 21st July 2016

No.		Actions
114/16	<p style="text-align: center;">Present</p> <p>Members – Diane Davies (Hon Secretary), Max Grant, George Allingham, Stephen Hughes, Gwyn Lewis (Vice-Chair), Simon Longman</p> <p>Staff – Angela Charlton (Director RC)</p>	
115/16	Apologies: Alan Norton, Chris Hodgson	
116/16	It was agreed that GA should chair the meeting	
117/16	<p>Wales Budget administered by the Director 2016/17: AC reported that the Budget consisted of three aspects: Staff, Operational & Office as far as dealing with London was concerned. The paper for the meeting related to the Operational budget. The following points were made in the discussion:</p> <p>(i) The presence of the Legal Fund in the Operational budget came from London. It was pointed out that a separate Legal Fund budget was part of the devolution agreement. However, it would be a matter for WCEC to raise with the Devolution Committee and with the BoT.</p> <p>(ii) AC answered queries about a number of differences between this year's operational budget and the proposed operational budget for 2016/17. These included room hire, production & external printing and photos & films.</p> <p>(iii) AC reported that the operational budget took into account the presence of all proposed staff.</p> <p>(iii) AC raised the problem that London only provided a small amount for staff training. DD reminded the meeting that the WCEC had agreed in principle to fund Welsh language training (158/14 refers).</p> <p>(iv) AC reported that the negotiations were hardest regarding funding for the Walking Spaces Officer who would be responsible for Access and RoW issues. Their work would include the Cambrian Way (for which funding was already in place) but funding from London was necessary if it was to go ahead. The meeting fully supported her efforts in this regard.</p> <p>Those present confirmed that WCEC had approved AC's proposed staff for 2016/17 and this meant it wished the staff budget to reflect that. All three aspects (Staff, Operational and Office) of the budget for 2016/17 were then approved (nem con).</p>	MG & AN
	Signed.....Alan Norton.....(Chairman).....	24 th September 2016.....(date)