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Present

Co-chairs

- Laura McAllister
- Rowan Williams

Commission members

- Anwen Elias
- Miguela Gonzalez
- Michael Marmot
- Lauren McEvatt
- Albert Owen
- Philip Rycroft
- Shavanah Taj
- Kirsty Williams
- Leanne Wood

Expert Panel

- Gareth Williams
- Emyr Lewis (item 2)
- Akash Paun
- Diana Stirbu

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Item 2

- Gwenith Price, Acting Welsh Language Commissioner
- Steffan Jones, Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner
- Lowri Williams, Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner

Item 3

- Professor John Denham

Item 6

- Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- Joe Heys, Devolution Strategy, Manchester Combined Authority

Secretariat

- Gareth Morgan, Deputy Director and Head of Secretariat
- Carys Evans, Adviser
- Ruth Leggett, Head of Communications and Engagement
- Tessa Hajilambi, Office Manager
- Heulwen Vaughan, Commission Secretary

Apologies

- Victoria Martin, Policy Lead

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Morning session

Item 1: Welcome from the co-chairs

1. The Co-chairs welcomed the commissioners and discussed the agenda.

Item 2: Acting Welsh Language Commissioner

2. The co-chairs thanked the Acting Welsh Language Commissioner for her written evidence. The commissioner summarised the main points from her evidence, including relationships with the UK government and their impacts on the Welsh language.

Item 3: Professor John Denham

3. Professor Denham thanked the commission for the opportunity to contribute to the inquiry and set out his views on the need for governance reform to address the UK's economic and social inequalities.

Item 4: Reflection/look ahead to afternoon session

4. The commissioners discussed the evidence provided.

Afternoon session

Item 5: Welcome from the co-chairs

5. The co-chairs welcomed the commissioners and discussed the agenda.

Item 6: Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester Combined Authority

6. Mayor Andy Burnham outlined his views on how to improve the governance of England, and how this might read through to the devolved nations.

Item 7: Reflections and AOB

7. The commissioners reflected further on the evidence.

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