ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Minutes of 26 March Wales Committee meeting
2. Creative Wales
3. Central Square update
4. Audiences Report
5. Nations and Regions Sports rights briefing
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ATTENDANCE

Members:
- Elan Closs Stephens  Non-executive director (Chair)
- Ian Hargreaves  Non-executive director
- Ken MacQuarrie  Director, Nations and Regions
- Rhodri Talfan Davies  Director, BBC Wales
- Rhys Evans  Head of Strategy and Education, BBC Wales

With:
- James Holden  Director, Marketing & Audiences, Nations and Regions
- Gareth Powell  Business and Operations Director, Nations (for Ian Haythornthwaite)
- Christina Roski  Business Partner, DG’s Office (Secretary)
- Richard Thomas  Portfolio Head of Marketing, BBC Wales (for item 3)
- Geoff Williams  Head of Content Production (for item 5)
1. Minutes of 26 March 2019 Wales Committee meeting

1.1 The minutes were approved.

2. Creative Wales

2.1 Creative Wales is a Welsh Government manifesto commitment dating back to 2016. The Committee discussed Creative Wales’ attitude towards Public Service Broadcasters. The Committee suggested to follow up with the Welsh Government how the BBC and Creative Wales could work together.

3. Central Square update

3.1 Gareth Powell gave an update on Central Square, noting that the timetable was challenging but currently on track. The move would bring a new organisational structure with 80 posts to be made redundant and 170 staff had been put at risk of redundancy. The Committee asked about the proportion of voluntary to compulsory redundancies and this varied depending on the area with Technology being the most difficult area.

3.2 With regard to visitors to the building, BBC Wales was expecting approximately 50,000 visitors to come into the building annually. A third of the space in the building was flexible and Indies could use the 4th floor for meetings.

4. Audiences Report

4.1 The Committee discussed the presentation on audience performance, which updated on the key emerging audience issues in Wales since the last Committee meeting. BBC Radio Wales and Radio Cymru were broadly stable and the rate of audience change of BBC Wales Today at 6.30pm was particularly noted. The Committee would return to a discussion on news at the next meeting in the autumn.

5. Nations and Regions Sports rights briefing

5.1 This paper set out the approach that would be taken to sports rights across the Nations and Regions division and the Committee discussed the changes in Sports rights that had happened in the last two years.

5.2 There were particular challenges for BBC Wales, balancing the day to day output with youth audience challenges and securing important rights at a
reasonable tariff. The Committee also discussed other sports such as women’s football and rugby as well as emerging sports.

6. **Finance Report**

6.1 The Committee noted the Finance report

7. **Director Wales Report**

7.1 Rhodri Talfan Davies reported that it had been an intense period with editorial changes, Terms and Conditions implementation and the Central Square project. Breakfast on BBC Radio Wales had also been relaunched.

7.2 There had been a lot of Network activity with dramas *The Left Behind* and the second series of *Keeping Faith* going out as Network BBC Wales commissions.

7.3 The Committee also noted the recent changes in the BBC Studios Drama department based in Roath Lock.

8. **Director Nations and Regions Report**

8.1 Ken MacQuarrie reported on the Executive days in Salford recently with discussions around coverage, the balance between global and UK reach and the value the BBC delivers to the audiences that pay the licence fee versus audiences that do not.

9. **AOB**

9.1 No other business was raised.