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Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee
Tuesday 10 November 2026
10th Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Broadcasting and News

1. The Committee agreed to undertake a short piece of work over three evidence sessions. The purpose is to follow up on aspects of the inquiry undertaken by its predecessor committee into Scottish Broadcasting, towards the end of Session 6, including to consider the implications of the most recent developments.

2. The evidence sessions will seek to—

   - explore the current landscape and issues facing public service broadcasting,
   - consider recent developments, including the implementation of STV's changes to news provision and the BBC's recently announced changes,
   - explore the implications of recent developments for the sector, for news provision, and in terms of wider social, cultural and economic impacts, and
   - consider the current landscape of, and challenges facing, local and community news and radio.

3. In this first evidence session, the Committee will hear from—

   - Professor Catherine Happer, Director of the Glasgow University Media Group (GUMG) and Professor of Media Sociology, University of Glasgow;
   - Nick McGowan-Lowe, National Organiser for Scotland, National Union of Journalists
   - Paul McManus, Negotiations Officer, Scotland, Bectu

   and then from—

   - Glenn Preston, Scotland Director and Cristina Nicolotti Squires, Broadcasting and Media Group Director, Ofcom

4. A briefing paper from SPICe is available in **paper 2**

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