PAPAC Committee Remit

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Larpose

1. The paper sets out the remit and responsibilities of the Public Accounts and Public Administration (PAPAC) Committee.

Recommendation

2. The Committee is invited to note its remit.

Background

- **3.** The rules and procedures of the Senedd are laid out in **Standing Orders**. Standing Order 16.1 requires the Senedd to establish committees with power within their remit to:
 - "(i) examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the government and associated public bodies;
 - (ii) examine legislation;
 - (iii) undertake other functions specified in Standing Orders; and
 - (iv) consider any matter affecting Wales."
- **4.** In doing this, the Business Committee has to ensure that every area of responsibility of the Welsh Government and associated public bodies, and all matters relating to the legislative competence of the Senedd and functions of the Welsh Ministers and of the Counsel General, are subject to committee scrutiny.

Committee remit

5. The remit of this Committee, as agreed by the Senedd on 23 June 2021, is:

"to carry out the functions set out in Standing Orders 18.2 and 18.3 and consider any other matter that relates to the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which



resources are employed in the discharge of public functions in Wales. The Committee may scrutinise any other matter relating to the machinery of government, including the quality and standards of administration provided by the Welsh Government's Civil Service and Welsh Government Sponsored Bodies."

6. Further details on the wider roles and responsibilities of Senedd committees are set out in the Business Committee's report, 'Sixth Senedd Committees Titles and remits', laid before the Senedd on 23 June 2021.¹

¹ Business Committee, Sixth Senedd Committees Titles and remits, 23 June 2021