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21st Century Schools – statement from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee

The Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, Nick Ramsay AM, has issued the following statement in response to the Wales Audit Office report on the ‘21st Century Schools and Education Programme’.

Mr Ramsay said:

“I am pleased to see the Auditor General’s findings that the Welsh Government has so far managed this large programme well and that it seems to be on track to deliver the improvements to school buildings anticipated from the first wave of investment.

“However, there is clearly more to do to address the overall condition and suitability of many schools in Wales and at a time when public funds are under continued pressure.

“With potentially significant changes for the programme on the horizon, it is important that the Welsh Government clarifies the funding position as soon as possible in order to give councils and further education colleges time to get their plans ready for the next phase of the programme starting in 2019.

“The Committee will be considering the Auditor General’s report in due course.”

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Notes to editors

The full report, '21st Century Schools and Education Programme', is available from the [Wales Audit Office](#).

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