

Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 30 April 2013**

Meeting time: **09: – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Jenny Rathbone
Sandy Mewies
Aled Roberts
Jocelyn Davies

Witnesses:

Jonathan House, Chief Executive, Cardiff Council
Steve Robinson, Cardiff Council
Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Paul Dimblebee, Group Director – Performance Audit, WAO

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair thanked Gwyn Price for his contribution to the work of the Committee and welcomed Sandy Mewies.

2. Motion under the Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

Items 3, 5 and 6 and the meeting on 7 May 2013.

3. Implications of the Public Audit (Wales) Bill – Consideration of correspondence from Business Committee

3.1 The Committee discussed correspondence from the Business Committee regarding the implications of the Public Audit (Wales) Bill.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Presiding Officer recommending that:

- the ‘client’ and ‘oversight’ functions of the Public Accounts Committee are separated between it and another committee;
- the Finance Committee be made responsible for considering, approving and making modifications to the estimate of the income and expenditure for the Wales Audit Office.
- a new committee should be established, with a responsibility for overseeing the Wales Audit Office’s governance arrangements.

4. The Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services – Evidence from Cardiff Council

4.1 The Chair welcomed Jonathan House, Chief Executive, Cardiff Council and Steve Robinson, Head of Commissioning and Procurement, Cardiff Council.

4.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

Cardiff Council agreed to provide:

- Further information on the efficiencies made by the North Wales Procurement Partnership, including details of costs relating to its establishment;
- Examples of good practice in consultancy and procurement in South Wales, including work undertaken by the Cardiff Academy.

5. Implications of the Public Audit (Wales) Bill – Consideration of correspondence from the Business Committee

6. Papers to note

5.1 The Committee noted correspondence from the Auditor General for Wales; the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board; the Committee's work programme for the summer term and the minutes of the meeting on 18 April and 23 April.

7. The Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services –

Consideration of Evidence

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services.

8. Grants Management in Wales – Consideration of draft concluding report

7.1 The Committee considered its draft concluding report on Grants Management in Wales and agreed to discuss it further at its next meeting.

TRANSCRIPT

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