

Public Accounts Committee

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Meeting Venue: **Llangollen Pavilion, Llangollen**

Meeting date: **Monday, 8 October 2012**

Meeting time: **13:00 – 16:20**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar
Mike Hedges
Gwyn Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Lindsay Whittle

Witnesses:

Gillian Body, Assistant Auditor General, Wales Audit Office
Paul Dimblebee, Group Director – Performance Audit, WAO
Pol Wong, Powys Fadog
Amanda Brewer
Gareth Hall

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members and members of the public to the meeting, emphasising how pleased he was that the meeting was being held in Llangollen.

1.2 Apologies had been received from Julie Morgan.

2. The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen – Evidence from Powys Fadog

2.1 The Chair welcomed Pol Wong, Chief Executive and Chairman, Powys Fadog.

2.2 The Committee questioned the witness.

Action point:

Powys Fadog agreed to provide:

- Further information on when martial arts classes ceased on the premises of the former River Lodge Hotel;

3. The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen – Evidence from Amanda Brewer

3.1 The Chair welcomed Amanda Brewer to the meeting.

3.2 The Committee questioned the witness.

4. The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen – Evidence from former Accounting Officer

4.1 The Chair welcomed Gareth Hall to the meeting.

4.2 The Committee questioned the witness.

Action points:

Gareth Hall agreed to provide:

- Further information on briefings provided to the relevant Minister with regard to the proposals by Clwyd Alyn Housing Association to use the site of the River Lodge Hotel.
- Clarity on whether there had been other examples of the Welsh Development Agency / Welsh Government failing to conduct an independent red book valuation for land acquisitions.
- Clarity on when the compliance review was commissioned.
- An email received from Amanda Brewer's line manager, outlining the nature of her role on the board of Powys Fadog and assurances that the conflict of interest was being managed effectively.

5. Papers to note

5.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

Item 7.

7. Consideration of evidence on the Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen.