

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 19 September
2016

Meeting time: 14.00 – 16.37

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM Rhianon Passmore AM Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	Claire Clancy, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Suzy Davies AM, Commissioner Nia Morgan, Director of Finance
Wales Audit Office:	Anthony Barrett, Assistant Auditor General Matthew Mortlock Dave Thomas Mike Usher Emma Woodcock
Committee Staff:	Fay Buckle (Clerk)



	Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)
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Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members of the Committee.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from the Auditor General for Wales. Anthony Barrett (Assistant Auditor General) attended on his behalf.

2 NHS Wales Health Board's Governance: Welsh Government Response to the Fourth Assembly Committee's Report

- 2.1 The Committee considered the Welsh Government's response to the previous Committee's report on NHS Wales Health Board's Governance.
- 2.2 The Committee noted the Auditor General for Wales' comments that in his opinion, the Welsh Government responses are reasonable and provide an assurance that actions are either underway or planned in areas where concerns were raised.
- 2.3 The Committee agreed to write to both the Welsh Government and Healthcare Inspectorate Wales seeking clarification on a number of the responses to the previous Committee's report.

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

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The Circuit of Wales

4.1 Members discussed and noted the correspondence and agreed to revisit the issue on receipt of the Auditor General for Wales's findings.

5 Coastal flood and erosion risk management in Wales: Auditor General for Wales Report

5.1 The Committee received a briefing on the Auditor General for Wales' report on Coastal flood and erosion risk management in Wales.

5.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government seeking clarification on a number of issues.

6 National Fraud Initiative: Auditor General for Wales Report

6.1 The Committee received a briefing on the Auditor General for Wales' report on the National Fraud Initiative.

7 The Welsh Government's Funding of Kancoat Ltd: Auditor General for Wales Report

7.1 The Committee received a briefing on the Auditor General for Wales' report on The Welsh Government's Funding of Kancoat Ltd.

8 Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition: Auditor General for Wales Report

8.1 The Committee noted the update from the Auditor General for Wales on hospital catering and patient nutrition and the associated correspondence.

9 Work programme: Consideration of Auditor General for Wales' reports and Committee led inquiries

9.1 Members discussed the briefings received from the recently published Auditor General for Wales' reports together with the scoping paper on possible Committee led inquiries.

9.2 Members agreed the following:

- Coastal flood and erosion risk management: reconsider whether to undertake an inquiry on receipt of the response from the Welsh Government;
- National Fraud Initiative: report noted and agreed no further action for the Committee;
- Kancoat: agreed to hold one evidence session with the Welsh Government;
- Hospital catering and patient nutrition: the Committee felt that progress was slow in a number of areas and agreed to undertake a short inquiry.

9.3 Following consideration of possible Committee led inquiries, the Committee agreed to undertake inquiries into looked after children and housing associations.

10 Scrutiny of Accounts 2015–16: Assembly Commission

10.1 The Committee scrutinised Suzy Davies AM, Assembly Commissioner, Claire Clancy, Chief Executive and Clerk to the Assembly and Nia Morgan, Director of Finance, National Assembly for Wales on the Assembly Commission Annual Report 2015–16.

11 Scrutiny of Accounts 2015–16: Consideration of evidence received

11.1 Members discussed the evidence received on the scrutiny of the Assembly Commission annual report 2015–16.