

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 8 October 2018

Meeting time: 13.17 – 16.18

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM Jack Sargeant AM
Witnesses:	Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Suzy Davies AM, Commissioner Nia Morgan, Director of Finance Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Katrin Shaw, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales David Meaden, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Office
Wales Audit Office:	Anthony Barrett – Assistant Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock Ann-Marie Harkin
Committee Staff:	Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)



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	Martin Jennings (Researcher)
	Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1. The Chair welcomed Members to the Committee.

1.2. Apologies were received from Neil Hamilton AM and Adam Price AM. There were no substitutes.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **The Welsh Government's Funding of Kancoat Ltd: Correspondence from the Welsh Government (6 September 2018)**

2.2 **Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17: Correspondence from the National Library of Wales (6 September 2018)**

2.3 **Inquiry into Regulatory oversight of Housing Associations: Update from the Welsh Government (20 September 2018)**

2.4 **The Welsh Government's relationship with Pinewood: Correspondence from Bethan Sayed AM, Chair of Culture, Welsh Language & Communications Committee (28 September 2018)**

## **3 Housing Adaptations: Welsh Government response to the Committees Report**

3.1 Members considered the response and agreed that the Chair would seek a further update on the implementation of the recommendations in spring 2019.

## **4 Public Procurement in Wales and the National Procurement Service**

4.1 Members considered the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and agreed to hold an evidence session with the Welsh Government later this term.

## **5 Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18: Assembly Commission**

5.1 Members scrutinised Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Assembly, Nia Morgan, Director of Finance, National Assembly for Wales, and Suzy Davies AM, Commissioner with responsibility for Budget and Governance on the Assembly Commission's Annual Report and Accounts 2017–18.

5.2 Manon Antoniazzi agreed to write to the Chair with the Assembly Commission's views once they had considered the paper at their November meeting regarding the new contract KPI for procurement.

## **6 Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**

6.1 Members scrutinised Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, Katrin Shaw, Director of Policy, Legal and Governance and David Meaden, Financial Accountant, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' Annual Report and Accounts 2017–18.

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

7.1 The motion was agreed.

## **8 Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18: Consideration of evidence received**

8.1 Members considered the evidence received.