

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 3 December 2018

Meeting time: 13.33 – 15.54

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Rhianon Passmore AM Adam Price AM Jenny Rathbone AM Darren Millar AM
Witnesses:	Tracey Burke, Welsh Government John Howells, Welsh Government Jo-Anne Daniels, Welsh Government
Wales Audit Office:	Adrian Crompton – Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The temporary Chair welcomed Members to the Committee



- 1.2 Apologies were received from Jack Sargeant AM and Nick Ramsay AM. Darren Millar AM was present as a substitute.
- 1.3 The temporary Chair congratulated Nick Ramsay AM on the recent birth of his son.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.2 It was agreed that further clarification would be sought from National Museum Wales on the sickness absence figures.

2.1 Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18: Additional information from the Assembly Commission (14 November 2018)

2.2 Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18: Additional information from National Museum Wales (15 November 2018)

2.3 Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18: Letter from the Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government (22 November 2018)

2.4 The Welsh Government's relationship with Pinewood: Letter from the Welsh Government (22 November 2018)

3 The Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme: Evidence Session with the Welsh Government

3.1 Members received evidence from Tracey Burke, Director General, Education and Public Services Group; Jo-Anne Daniels, Director for Communities and Tackling Poverty; and John Howells, Director for Housing and Regeneration, Welsh Government, as part of their inquiry into the Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme.

3.2 Tracey Burke agreed to:

- Send a note clarifying the budget for the two-grant approach for 2019–20 and explaining where the previously earmarked £5m for the childcare offer has been allocated to;
- Will check how feedback on the judgement of local authorities arising from the interim evaluation has been communicated to all local authorities;

- Reflect and discuss with the evaluators about whether the seven local authorities involved in the pilot can be named to enable non-pathfinder local authorities to discuss the approaches taken;
- Send a list of all the grants involved in the two-grant approach together with the budget allocated for 2019–20; and
- Agreed to advise on the preparations undertaken regarding the impact of assessment Brexit may have on the Supporting People Programme.

3.3 In addition, Tracey Burke also agreed to identify and liaise with the Wales Audit Office to ensure all the recommendations from the AGW's Report are fully reflected in the published guidance.

4 Cardiff Airport: Update from the Welsh Government on the implementation of the Committee's Recommendations

4.1 Members considered the letter from the Director General, Economy, Skills and Natural Resources Group and agreed to:

- Seek further clarification on a number of the points; and
- Schedule an evidence session for the summer 2019 term to examine the airport's performance together with its medium to long-term plans for future development.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 The Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme: Consideration of evidence received

6.1 Members considered the evidence received and agreed to write to the Welsh Government with their conclusions and schedule an evidence session for the summer 2019 term to examine the final evaluation of the Flexible Funding Programme.

7 Auditor General for Wales Report(s): Forward work programme

7.1 Members discussed the Auditor General for Wales' Forward Work Programme and agreed to consider the proposals and return to this item at the meeting on 14 January 2019.

8 Primary care out-of-hours service: Consideration of scoping paper

8.1 Members considered the scoping paper and agreed to undertake engagement work as detailed in the paper on 21 January 2019.