

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 16 September
2019

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.16

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Gareth Bennett AM Vikki Howells AM Rhianon Passmore AM Jenny Rathbone AM |
| Wales Audit Office: | Adrian Crompton – Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock Nick Selwyn |
| Committee Staff: | Adrian Crompton Matthew Mortlock Nick Selwyn Fay Bowen (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) |



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the Committee.

1.2 Apologies were received from Adam Price AM.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted subject to the following actions:

- The Committee agreed to defer the next scheduled update on Radiology Services until the end of 2019;
- The Committee agreed to defer the final update on Community Safety in Wales until spring 2020, following the conclusion of the programme in March 2020;
- The Committee asked that clarification was sought on the Turnaround Director role at BCUHB; and
- The Committee will respond to the letter from the Future Generations Commissioner.

- 2.1 **Natural Resources Wales: Letter from the Chief Executive, Natural Resources Wales (11 July 2019)**
- 2.2 **Radiology services – national summary report: Update from the Welsh Government (July 2019)**
- 2.3 **Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18: Letter from the Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government (16 July 2019)**
- 2.4 **Financial Reporting Advisory Board Reports: 2017–18 & 2018–19**
- 2.5 **Community Safety in Wales: Update from the Welsh Government (June 2019)**
- 2.6 **Implementation of the NHS Finance (Wales) Act 2014: Letters from the Welsh Government (5 & 20 August 2019), Letter from Hywel Dda UHB (16 August 2019) and additional information from Aneurin Bevan UHB (29 August 2019)**
- 2.7 **Care experienced children and young people: Letter from the First Minister (5 August 2019)**
- 2.8 **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: Letter from the Future Generations Commissioner (9 August 2019)**
- 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 **Welsh Government Financial Support for Business: Committee Correspondence**
 - 4.1 The Committee noted the correspondence and it was agreed the Chair will write to the Welsh Government seeking further clarification on a number of issues. On receipt, the Committee will prepare its draft report.
- 5 **Effectiveness of Local Planning Authorities in Wales: Auditor General for Wales' Report**
 - 5.1 The Auditor General for Wales briefed the Members on this report.

5.2 Members agreed to undertake an inquiry into the effectiveness of local planning authorities in Wales in the new year. The Committee noted the forthcoming reports on how local authorities are implementing their new responsibilities under the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 (report published September 2019); and the new duties placed on them and their partners by the Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 (report scheduled to be published November 2019) and will take into account as part of a themed inquiry in the new year.

6 Integrated Care Fund: Auditor General for Wales' Report

6.1 The Auditor General for Wales briefed the Members on this report.

6.2 Members agreed to maintain a watching brief on this issue and return to it early in the new year.