

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 26 September
2016

Meeting time: 14.00 – 16.59

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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:	Richard Spear, Careers Wales Nikki Lawrence, Careers Wales Dr David Blaney, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales Bethan Owen, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales Nick Williams, HEFCW Meilyr Rowlands, Estyn Phil Sweeney, Estyn
Wales Audit Office:	Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales



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	Anthony Barrett
Committee Staff:	Fay Buckle (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser) Helen Jones Owen Holzinger (Researcher)

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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members of the Committee.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The minutes were noted.

3 Scrutiny of Accounts 2015–16: Careers Wales

3.1 The Committee scrutinised Richard Spear, Chief Executive and Nikki Lawrence, Director of Resources at Careers Wales on Careers Wales Annual Report 2015–16.

3.2 Richard Spear agreed to send further information on:

- The accounts explain that Careers Wales' employees are members of seven Local Government Pension Schemes following the historical merger of the regional careers companies. These seven areas are listed in the accounts but the Committee wishes to seek clarification on why the former West Glamorgan County Council is not included in the list.

- The number of contacts made through the medium of Welsh and also the number of contacts made through non-English and non-Welsh languages.

4 Scrutiny of Accounts 2015–16: Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW)

4.1 The Committee scrutinised Dr David Blaney, Chief Executive, Bethan Owen, Director of Institutional Engagement and Nick Williams, Head of Corporate Services, HEFCW on HEFCW's Annual Report 2015–16.

5 Scrutiny of Accounts 2015–16: Estyn

5.1 The Committee scrutinised Meilyr Rowlands, Chief Inspector, and Phil Sweeney, Corporate Services Director, Estyn on Estyn's Annual Report 2015–16.

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

6.1 The motion was agreed.

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

7.1 Members discussed the evidence received on the scrutiny of Careers Wales, HEFCW's and Estyn's annual reports 2015–16