

# Audit Committee

## Minutes (AC(2)-06-05)

**Meeting date: Thursday 23 June 2005**

**Meeting time: 9.30am – 12.20pm**

**Meeting venue: Committee Rooms 3 & 4**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

<b>Assembly Member</b>	<b>Constituency</b>
Janet Davies (Chair)	South Wales West
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Alun Cairns	South Wales East
Jeff Cuthbert	Caerphilly
Jocelyn Davies	South Wales East
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Irene James	Islwyn
Denise Idris Jones (Item 1 and 2)	Conwy
Catherine Thomas (Item 1)	Llanelli
Carl Sargeant	Alyn and Deeside

### Others in Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Agenda item(s)</b>

Ann Lloyd	Head of Health and Social Care Department, National Assembly for Wales	1 & 2
Chris Daws	Director of Resource Directorate, Health and Social Care Department	1
John Sweeney	Director of Community, Primary Care and Health Service Policy Directorate	2

## Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Jeremy Colman	Auditor General for Wales
Martin Peters	Wales Audit Office
Gillian Body	Wales Audit Office
James Verity	Wales Audit Office
Matthew Coe	Wales Audit Office
Ian Summers	Wales Audit Office
Ian Gibson	Assistant Assembly Compliance Officer

## Committee Service

Name	Job title
Kathryn Jenkins	Committee Clerk
Ruth Hatton	Deputy Committee Clerk

## Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Leighton Andrews. The Chair informed Committee that Jeff Cuthbert was substituting.

1.3 The Chair made a declaration of interest as owning shares in GlaxoSmithKline.

## **Item 2: The Finances of NHS Wales 2005**

**Paper: AC(2) 06-05(p1)**

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Mrs Ann Lloyd, Head of Health and Social Care Department, Welsh Assembly Government and Chris Daws, Director of Resource Directorate, Health and Social Care Department, Welsh Assembly Government.

Actions: Ann Lloyd agreed to provide the following:

- a copy of the report that is being prepared for the Permanent Secretary on the reasons why the accounts of Powys local health board and trust were submitted late
- information on how the balanced scorecard is being extended
- a copy of the latest report on progress to date on the recommendations of the Wanless review.
- information on whether NHS Wales has achieved the right balance between the change programme and delivery of care

## **Item 3: Procurement of Primary Care Medicines**

**Paper: AC(2) 06-05(p2)**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Mrs Ann Lloyd, Head of Health and Social Care Department, Welsh Assembly Government and Mr John Sweeney, Director of Community, Primary Care and Health Service Policy Directorate, Welsh Assembly Government.

## **Item 4: Welsh Assembly Government response to the Audit Committee Report, Environment Agency Wales: Regulation of waste management**

**Paper: AC(2) 06-05(p.3, p.4, p.5)**

4.1 The Auditor General explained to Committee that the Welsh Assembly Government's response to its Report, Environment Agency Wales: Regulation of Waste Management, was unsatisfactory. The Auditor General suggested to Committee that it could either recall the witnesses to Committee or the Chair could write to the Minister pointing out the reasons why the response was unsatisfactory.

4.2 Alun Cairns suggested that the Committee firstly write to the Minister as the Auditor General had suggested and if a satisfactory response was not received witnesses could then be recalled.

4.3 The Committee agreed to this suggestion. The Chair informed Members that they would receive a copy of the letter.

## **Item 5: Paper to note - Correspondence from the Auditor General for Wales, regarding**

**the leasing of Sprinter trains for use on the Valley Lines network**

**Paper: AC(2) 06-05(p6)**

5.1 The Committee noted the paper

**Item 6: Annual Report to Plenary**

**Paper: AC(2) 06-05(p7)**

6.1 The Committee ratified its Annual Report to Plenary.

**Item 7: Minutes of the previous meeting**

**Paper: AC(2) 05-05(mins)**

7.1 The Committee approved the minutes of its 19 May 2005 meeting.