

# Audit Committee

## Minutes AC(2) 01-06

**Meeting date: 12 January 2006**

**Meeting time: 1:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Meeting venue: Committee Rooms 3 & 4, National Assembly Building**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

<b>Assembly Member</b>	<b>Constituency</b>
Janet Davies (Chair)	South Wales West
Leighton Andrews	Rhondda
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Alun Cairns	South Wales West
Rhodri Glyn-Thomas	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Irene James	Islwyn
Denise Idris Jones	Conwy
Carl Sargeant	Alun & Deeside
Catherine Thomas	Llanelli

<b>Officials in Attendance</b>	
Jeremy Colman	The Auditor General
Steve Ashcroft	Wales Audit Office
Dave Thomas	Wales Audit Office

Gillian Body	Wales Audit Office
James Verity	Wales Audit Office
Paul Dimblebee	Wales Audit Office
Jeremy Morgan	Wales Audit Office
Ian Gibson	Assembly Compliance Office
Sarah Rees	Assembly Compliance Office

## Witnesses

Ann Lloyd	Head of Health and Social Care Department, Welsh Assembly Government
Philip Chick	Mental Health Policy Adviser, Welsh Assembly Government

## Committee Service

Name	Job title
Kathryn Jenkins	Committee Clerk
Liz Wilkinson	Deputy Committee Clerk

## Item 1: Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interests

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

1.2 Apologies were received from Jocelyn Davies for whom Rhodri Glyn Thomas substituted.

## Item 2: Adult mental health services in Wales: A baseline review of service provision

Papers: AC(2) 01-06(p1)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Ann Lloyd, Head of Health and Social Care Department and

Philip Chick, Mental Health Policy Adviser of the Welsh Assembly Government.

### **Item 3: Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Audit Committee report, 'Energy and Water Management in the Higher Education Sector in Wales'**

Paper: AC(2) 01-06(p2) and AC(2) 01-06(p3)

3.1 The Auditor General reported that the Welsh Assembly Government had accepted all nine of the recommendations contained in the Committee report. The Wales Office would continue to monitor the progress made by the Funding Council and the higher education institutions in Wales in implementing the recommendations. If necessary, the Auditor General would draw to the Committee's attention any areas where further action may be merited.

### **Item 4: Welsh assembly Government's response to the Audit Committee report, 'The Management of Sickness Absence by the Further Education Institutions in Wales'**

Paper: AC(2) 01-06(p4) and AC(2) 01-06(p5)

4.1 The Auditor General reported that the Welsh Assembly Government had accepted all seven of the recommendations contained in the Committee report. The Wales Audit Office would continue to monitor the progress made by the further education institutions in Wales and ELWa in implementing the recommendations. If necessary, the Auditor General would draw to the Committee's attention any areas where further action may be merited.

### **Item 5: Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Audit Committee report, 'The Collapse of Antur Dwyryd Llyn Ltd'**

Paper: AC(2) 01-06(p6) and AC(2) 01-06(p7)

5.1 The Auditor General reported that the Welsh Assembly Government may have interpreted the Committee's recommendations in an over-literal manner. He said that he would meet with the Permanent Secretary shortly to discuss the recommendations contained in the Committee report. The Chair agreed to write to the Minister for Economic Development and Transport to clarify the Committee's position and seek assurance that the Government would take the appropriate steps to ensure that the issues it raised in its report were addressed.

### **Action point**

Chair to write to Minister for Economic Development and Transport to clarify the Committee's position on recommendations contained in its report 'The Collapse of Antur Dwyryd Llyn Ltd' and seek assurance that the Government would take the appropriate steps to ensure that issues raised in the report were addressed.

## **Item 6: Minutes of the previous meeting**

Paper: AC(2) 10-05(mins)

6.1 The Committee approved the minutes of its 23 November 2005 meeting.

6.2 The Committee agreed to hold its formal afternoon meetings at 1.30pm unless otherwise arranged.