

Audit Committee

Minutes AC(3)-11-09

Date: Thursday 16 July 2009

Time: 9.15 - 10.25

Venue: Committee Room 3

Assembly Members in Attendance

Jonathan Morgan (Chair), Cardiff North
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Mike German, South Wales East
Irene James, Islwyn
Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West
Huw Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Nick Ramsay, Monmouth

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John Grimes, Clerk
Abigail Phillips, Deputy Clerk

Others in Attendance

Jeremy Colman, Auditor General for Wales
Items 1-2
Emma Giles, Wales Audit Office
Items 1-3
Mark Jeffs, Wales Audit Office
Items 3-5
Gillian Body, Wales Audit Office

1. Apologies and substitutions

1.1 Lesley Griffiths and Janet Ryder sent their apologies. Janice Gregory was unable to attend the meeting due to a clash with another Committee. No substitutes were present.

1.2 The Chair thanked John Grimes and Abigail Phillips for their work in supporting the Committee and welcomed Sian Phipps and Dan Collier who will be supporting the Committee from the Autumn term.

2. Communities First: Briefing from the Auditor General for Wales

Paper: AC(3) 11-09 (p1) Wales Audit Office Report 'Communities First'

2.1 Huw Lewis declared an interest in this item as a former Deputy Minister with responsibility for Communities First. Huw Lewis withdrew from the meeting for the remainder of this item.

2.2 The Auditor General for Wales and Mark Jeffs briefed the Committee on Communities First.

2.3 The Committee resolved to launch an inquiry into Communities First.

3. Red Dragon Project: Accounting Officer response to letter from Chair

Paper: AC(3) 11-09 (p2) Red Dragon Project: Accounting Officer response

3.1 The Committee considered the Accounting Officer's response to the letter from the Chair seeking further information on the Red Dragon Project.

3.2 The Committee agreed to invite the Permanent Secretary to give evidence to the Committee on aspects of the Red Dragon Project.

4. The management of chronic conditions by NHS Wales: Accounting Officer's update to the Committee

Paper: AC(3) 11-09 (p3) The management of chronic conditions in NHS Wales: update from the Accounting Officer

AC(3) 11-09 (p3) (Annex 1) The management of chronic conditions in NHS Wales: update from the Accounting Officer

4.1 The Committee considered the Accounting Officer's update to the Committee on chronic conditions.

4.2 The Chair agreed to write to the Accounting Officer seeking further information on how the Welsh Assembly Government intended to achieve the outcomes specified in the update.

5. Home Oxygen Therapy Services: Accounting Officer's response

Paper: AC(3) 11-09 (p4) Home Oxygen Therapy Services: Accounting Officer's response

5.1 The Committee considered the Accounting Officer's response to the Chair's letter seeking further information on Home Oxygen Therapy Services.

5.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary seeking further clarification of the lessons learnt across the Welsh Assembly Government in the light of the Audit Committee's report on Home Oxygen Therapy Services.

Subject to the Committee's agreement, the remainder of the meeting will be held in private session under Standing Order 10.37

6. Ambulance Services in Wales: Consideration of draft report

Paper: AC(3) 11-09 (p5) Ambulance Services in Wales: draft report

6.1 The Committee considered and agreed its report on Ambulance Services in Wales

Paper to note

AC(3) 10-09 Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2009

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