

Audit Committee

Minutes AC(3) 13-08

Date: 27 November 2008

Time: 1.30- 3.05pm

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

David Melding (Chair), South Wales Central
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Chris Franks, South Wales Central
Janice Gregory, Ogmore
Irene James, Islwyn
Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West
Huw Lewis, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Darren Millar, Clwyd West

Committee Service

John Grimes, Clerk
Karl Gomila, Deputy Clerk

Officials in Attendance

Jeremy Colman, Auditor General for Wales
Ceri Stradling, Wales Audit Office
Mark Jeffs, Wales Audit Office
Ian Gibson, Deputy Head of the Corporate Governance Unit

Witnesses

Huw Brodie, Director of Rural Affairs and Heritage, Welsh Assembly Government
Trefor Owen, Director, Forestry Commission for Wales
Huw Davies, Head of Rural Affairs and Heritage Business Unit, Welsh Assembly Government

Item 1: Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Lesley Griffiths. There were no substitutions.

Item 2: Operations of the Forestry Commission Wales

Paper:

AC(3) 13-08 (p1) Wales Audit Office report 'Operations of the Forestry Commission Wales'

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Huw Brodie, Director of Rural Affairs and Heritage, Welsh Assembly Government, Trefor Owen, Director, Forestry Commission for Wales, and Huw Davies, Head of Rural Affairs and Heritage Business Unit, Welsh Assembly Government on the Operations of the Forestry Commission Wales.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Assembly Government to ask what plans it has to meet the TAN 8 target with regards to the amount of renewable energy the National Wind Farm Programme will produce.

2.3 The Auditor General for Wales said that he would circulate his publication schedule to the Committee.

Item 3: Consideration of the Welsh Assembly Government's response to the Audit Committee report 'Tir Gofal''''

Papers:

AC(3) 13-08 (p2) Welsh Assembly Government response
AC(3) 13-08 (p3) Advice from the Auditor General for Wales

3.1 The Committee considered the Welsh Assembly Government's response to their report.

The Committee resolved to hold the remainder of the meeting in private session in accordance with Standing

Order 10.37

Item 4: Evaluation of evidence session

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence taken on the operations of the Forestry Commission Wales.

Item 5: Consideration of the draft Committee report 'Wales Millennium Centre'

Paper:

AC(3) 13-08 (p4) Draft Report 'Wales Millennium Centre'

5.1 The Committee agreed its report. **Committee Service
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