

# Public Accounts Committee

## Minutes: PAC(3)-11-10: 8 July 2010

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**Time: 08:45 - 12:09**

**Venue: Committee Room 3, Y Senedd, Cardiff Bay**

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Jonathan Morgan (Chair), Cardiff North  
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly  
Irene James, Islwyn~  
Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West  
Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd  
Sandy Mewies, Delyn  
Peter Black, South Wales West  
Janet Ryder, North Wales  
Nick Ramsay, Monmouth

### Others in Attendance

Gillian Body, Auditor General for Wales  
Paul Dimblebee, Engagement Partner, Wales Audit Office  
Bernard Galton, Director General People Places and Corporate Services  
Paul Hayley, Advisor to KTS Owens Thomas  
Huw Lloyd Jones, Performance Specialist, Wales Audit Office  
Gareth Lynn, Director of Audit and Assurance, KTS Owens Thomas  
Dame Gillian Morgan, Permanent Secretary to the Welsh Assembly Government  
Andy Phillips, Performance Specialist, Wales Audit Office  
Dr Emyr Roberts, Director General Public Services and Local Government Delivery  
Carol Warburton, Associate Director, KTS Owens Thomas

### Committee Staff

Alun Davidson, Clerk  
Andrew Minnis, Deputy Clerk  
Joanest Jackson, Legal Advisor

### 1. Apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair received apologies from Lorraine Barrett and Alun Davies. Ann Jones substituted for Alun Davies. The Chair welcomed Peter Black to the Committee as replacement for Jenny Randerson.

### 2. Coastal Erosion and Tidal Flooding Risks in Wales: advice from the Auditor General for Wales

Paper: PAC(3) 11-10 (p1) Report on Coastal Erosion and Tidal Flooding Risks in Wales: response from the Welsh Assembly Government  
PAC(3) 11-10 (p2) Report on Coastal Erosion and Tidal Flooding Risks in Wales: advice from the Auditor General for Wales

- 2.1 The Committee considered the response of the Welsh Assembly Government along with advice from the Auditor General for Wales.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed to recommend returning to the issue in late 2011 as part of the Committee's legacy report.

**The Chair suspended the meeting between 09:55 and 10:00.**

### 3. Meeting the Challenge in Welsh Public Sector Finance: Accounting officer evidence session

- 3.1 The Committee took evidence from the Welsh Assembly Government.
- 3.2 The Permanent Secretary agreed to keep the Committee informed about the progress of the Comprehensive Spending Review negotiations with the UK Government.

**The Committee agreed to hold the remainder of the meeting in private session under Standing Order 10.37**

### 4. Communities First: Accounting officer evidence session

Paper: PAC(3) 11-10 (p3) Communities First - Correspondence from the Welsh Assembly Government: Re timetable for the implementation of actions

PAC(3) 11-10 (p3a) Communities First - Welsh Assembly Government timetable for the implementation of actions

4.1 The Director General Public Services and Local Government Delivery agreed to update the Committee on the timescale for the completion of the Communities First evaluation study.

## **5. Capital Investment in Schools: briefing from the Auditor General for Wales**

5.1 The Auditor General for Wales briefed the Committee on the provisional findings of the Wales Audit Office work on capital investment in schools.

## **6. Discussion of Evidence**

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence provided by the Welsh Assembly Government.

## **7. Briefing from the auditor to the accounts of the Auditor General**

7.1 The Committee received a briefing from KTS Owens Thomas, the auditor to the accounts of the Auditor General for Wales.

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