

Public Accounts Committee

Minutes: PAC(3)-14-10: 21 October 2010

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Time: 13.30 – 15.58

Venue: Committee Room 3, Y Senedd, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Jonathan Morgan (Chair), Cardiff North
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales
Sandy Mewies, Delyn
Peter Black, South Wales West
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly
Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West
Nick Ramsey, Monmouth

Others in Attendance

Simon Brindle, Head of Schools Management and Effectiveness Division, Welsh Assembly Government
Andrew Davies AM
Paul Dimblebee, Engagement Partner, Wales Audit Office
Melanie Godfrey, Head of Capital Funding Branch, Welsh Assembly Government
Huw Lloyd Jones, Performance Specialist, Wales Audit Office
Dr Emyr Roberts, Director General, Department of Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Welsh Assembly Government
Huw Vaughan-Thomas, Auditor General for Wales

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, Alun Davies, Irene James and Janet Ryder. Joyce Watson substituted for Alun Davies.

2. Capital Investment in Schools: Accounting Officer Evidence Session

Paper: PAC(3) 14-10 (p1) Written evidence from the Welsh Assembly Government

2.1 The committee took evidence from Dr Emyr Roberts, Director General, Melanie Godfrey, Head of Capital Funding Branch, Simon Brindle, Head of Schools Management and Effectiveness Division, Department of Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Welsh Assembly Government.

2.2 The committee agreed to prepare a report on the issues raised by the evidence provided by the Welsh Assembly Government

The committee agreed to consider the evidence provided by the Welsh Assembly Government in private session under Standing Order 10.37

2.2 The committee discussed the evidence provided by the Welsh Assembly Government.

3. Meeting the Challenge in Welsh Public Sector Finance: Evidence from Andrew Davies AM

Paper: PAC(3) 14-10(p2) Written evidence from Andrew Davies

- 3.1 The committee took evidence from Andrew Davies AM.
- 3.2 The committee agreed to consider the evidence in preparing the committee's report on the inquiry.

4. Use of Resources in Special Schools: briefing from the Auditor General for Wales

Paper: PAC(3) 14-10(p3) Wales Audit Office report: use of resources in special schools: Welsh Assembly Government

4.1 The Auditor General for Wales briefed the committee on the Wales Audit Office report on the use of resources in special schools.

4.2 The committee agreed to bring the report to the attention of the Enterprise and Learning Committee.

The committee agreed to consider the evidence provided by Andrew Davies AM in private session under Standing Order 10.37

5. Discussion of evidence

5.1 The committee discussed the evidence provided by Andrew Davies AM.

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