

Public Accounts Committee

Minutes: PAC(3)-15-10: 11 November 2010

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Time: 13.31 – 16.10

Venue: Committee Room 3, Y Senedd, Cardiff Bay

Assembly Members in Attendance

Jonathan Morgan (Chair), Cardiff North
Peter Black, South Wales West
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly
Alun Davis, Mid and West Wales
Chris Franks, South Wales Central
Irene James, Islwyn
Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd
Dai Lloyd, South Wales West
Sandy Mewies, Delyn
Nick Ramsey, Monmouth

Others in Attendance

June Milligan, Director General, Public Services & Local Government Delivery, Welsh Assembly Government
Michael Hearty, DG, Strategic Planning, Finance and Performance, Welsh Assembly Government
Andrew Jeffreys, Head of Strategic Budgeting, Welsh Assembly Government
John Palmer, Director, Public Service Improvement, Welsh Assembly Government
Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales
Gillian Body, Managing Partner, Performance Audit Wales Audit Office
Kevin Thomas, Managing Partner, Planning & Resources Wales Audit Office

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, Janet Ryder and Bethan Jenkins. Ann Jones, Chris Franks and Dai Lloyd attended as substitutes.

2. Meeting the Challenge in Welsh Public Sector Finance: Evidence from the Directors General for Public Services and Local Government Delivery, and Strategic Planning, Finance and Performance

Paper: PAC(3) 15-10 (p1) Written evidence from the Welsh Assembly Government

2.1 The committee took evidence from June Milligan, Director General, Public Services & Local Government Delivery, Michael Hearty, DG, Strategic Planning, Finance and Performance, Andrew Jeffreys, Head of Strategic Budgeting, John Palmer, Director, Public Service Improvement, Welsh Assembly Government

2.2 The Director General for Public Services and Local Government Delivery agreed to provide the committee with milestones and timeframes for the work of Efficiency and Innovation Board.

3. Estimate of Income and Expenditure of the Wales Audit Office

Paper: PAC(3) 15-10 (p2) Estimate of the Income and Expenditure of the Wales Audit Office for the Year Ending 31 March 2012

3.1 The Auditor General for Wales presented the Wales Audit Office estimate of income and expenditure to the committee and agreed to provide further clarification on a number of points raised.

3.2 The committee endorsed the Wales Audit Office estimate subject to satisfactory clarification of the issues discussed.

4. Wales Audit Office Work Programme Update

Paper: PAC(3) 15-10 (p3) Wales Audit Office Work Programme Update

4.1 The Auditor General for Wales briefed the committee on the Wales Audit Office work programme.

5. Home Oxygen Therapy Services: Advice from the Auditor General for Wales

Paper: PAC(3) 15-10 (p4) Home Oxygen Therapy Services: correspondence from the Director General for Health and Social Services

PAC(3) 15-10 (p5) Home Oxygen Therapy Services: advice from the Auditor General for Wales

5.1 The committee considered correspondence from the Welsh Assembly Government along with advice from the Auditor General for Wales.

5.2 The committee agreed to write to the Director General for Health and Social Services in the light of the Auditor General's advice and to invite him to give evidence on the issue in Spring 2011.

The committee's agreed to hold the remainder of the meeting in private session under Standing Order 10.37

6. Discussion of evidence

6.1 The committee discussed the evidence presented.

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