

AUDIT COMMITTEE**MINUTES**

Date: 15 June 2000
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Committee Room 2

Attendance**Members**

Janet Davies (Chair)	SW West
Lorraine Barrett	Cardiff South & Penarth
Peter Black	SW West
Alun Cairns	SW West
Jane Davidson	Pontypridd
Geraint Davies	Rhondda
Brian Gibbons	Aberavon
Alison Halford	Delyn
Dafydd Wigley	Caernarfon

Officials

Sir John Bourn	Auditor General for Wales
Gillian Body	National Audit Office
Ian Summers	National Audit Office
Sharon Davies	Acting National Assembly Compliance Officer
Andrew George	Clerk
Julie Bragg	Deputy Clerk

Agenda Item 1: Evidence Taking Session**Papers: AC-05-00(p.1)**

1.1 The Committee took evidence in connection with the *Treasury Minute to the Public Accounts Committee's Report on Financial Management and Governance at Gwent Tertiary College* which was published on 12 January 2000.

Witnesses

Jon Shortridge	Permanent Secretary, National Assembly for Wales
David Mason	Principal and Chief Executive, Coleg Gwent (formerly Gwent Tertiary College)
Steve Martin	Chief Executive, Further Education Funding Council for Wales
Richard Hirst	Director of Finance, Welsh Funding Councils

1.2 A verbatim transcript of this item will be attached as an annex to these minutes.

Agenda Item 2: Evidence-taking Session

Paper: AC-05-00(p.2)

2.1 The Committee took evidence in connection with the report by the National Audit Office on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales on the *General Report of the Auditor General for Wales: Financial Audit of 1998-99 Accounts* which was published on 17 March 2000.

Witnesses

Jon Shortridge	Permanent Secretary, National Assembly for Wales
Laurie Pavelin	Head, Financial Accountability Division, National Assembly for Wales

2.2 A verbatim transcript of this item will be attached as an annex to these minutes.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Paper: AC-04-00(min)

3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3.2 At the last meeting, members had discussed the issue of substitutions to the Audit Committee. A paper had gone forward to the Business Committee on 6 June and they had agreed to propose a change to Standing Order 12.7 to allow substitution to the Audit Committee when a member was disqualified from participation in the Committee's proceedings due to membership of a subject committee relevant to the matter in question. The proposed amendment would be tabled for the Assembly to consider shortly.

Agenda Item 4: Audit Committee's report on NHS (Wales) Summarised Accounts 1998-99

4.1 The Committee resolved to exclude the public from this part of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 8.21(vi):

A Committee may resolve to exclude the public from a meeting or any part of a meeting where: the committee is deliberating on the conclusions or recommendations of a report it proposes to publish.

There was a full discussion of the draft report and the issues raised by members will be taken into account in the final report.

4.2 The meeting concluded at 12.40pm.