

AUDIT COMMITTEE AC-04-02(min)

MINUTES

Date: 16 May 2002
Time: 2.00pm
Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly Building

Attendance

Members

Dafydd Wigley (Chair)	Caernarfon
Alun Cairns	South Wales West
Janet Davies	South Wales West
Jocelyn Davies	South Wales East
Janice Gregory	Ogmore
Alison Halford	Delyn
Ann Jones	Vale of Clwyd
Val Lloyd	Swansea East

Witnesses

Jon Shortridge	Permanent Secretary
David Richards	Principal Finance Officer
Emyr Roberts	Head of Economic Policy Division
Keith Parsons	Economic Policy Division

Officials

Sir John Bourn	Auditor General for Wales
Gillian Body	National Audit Office

Frank Grogan	National Audit Office
Lew Hughes	Auditor General's Office
David Powell	Assembly Compliance Officer
Howell Rees	Committee Clerk
James Owen	Deputy Committee Clerk

Item 1

Evidence Taking Session - Continuing the Regeneration of Cardiff Bay

Paper: AC-04-02(p.1)

1. The meeting commenced at 2.13pm as the committee had resolved to exclude the public from the first part of the meeting under Standing Order 8.21(vi), '*A Committee may resolve to exclude the public from a meeting or any part of a meeting where: (vi) the committee is preparing itself to take evidence from any person*'.
2. Apologies were received from Eleanor Burnham.
3. The Committee took evidence from Jon Shortridge, David Richards, Emyr Roberts and Keith Parsons in connection with the report by the National Audit Office on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales on *Continuing the Regeneration of Cardiff Bay*.
4. A verbatim transcript of this item will be attached as an annex to these minutes.

Item 2

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Paper: AC-03-02(min)

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Item 3

Papers to note

Papers: AC 04-02(p2) (p3) (p4) (p5) and (p11)

1. The committee noted the following papers:
 - Letter from the Auditor General for Wales dated 18 April 2002 re homelessness.

- Letter from the Auditor General for Wales dated 29 April 2002 re Cabinet response to the Committee's report on NHS Summarised Accounts 1999-2000.
- Letter from the Permanent Secretary dated 7 May 2002 re Accounting Officers of Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies.
- Note on the main improvements needed against the IT strategy - requested at the Audit Committee evidence session into the Management of the NHS Estate in Wales on 24 January 2002.
- Memorandum by the Auditor General for Wales: Final Programme of Value for Money Work for 2002-2003.

Item 4

Draft Audit Committee Report - The Arts Council of Wales: Centre for Visual Arts

Papers: AC-04-02(p.6) (p7) (p8) (p9) (p10) and (p12)

1. The Chair voluntarily withdrew from the committee's consideration of the draft report as his wife had been a member of the Arts Council of Wales and he had not been involved in the evidence taking sessions relating to the Centre for Visual Arts.
2. Janice Gregory declared that one of the witnesses who had given evidence relating to the draft report was a constituent.
3. The committee elected Janet Davies as its temporary Chair under Standing Order 12.9, *'If the chair is disqualified from participating in the Committee's consideration of any matter under the standing orders or voluntarily withdraws from such participation, the Committee shall elect another member to chair it whenever that matter is being considered'*.
4. The committee resolved to exclude the public from the consideration of the draft report 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: (vi) the committee is deliberating on the conclusions or recommendations of a report it proposes to publish'*.
5. The committee agreed the draft report.

The meeting closed at 4.58pm.