

# Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Monday, 19 November 2012**

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Meeting time: **13:35 – 16:56**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**Darren Millar (Chair)**  
**Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM**  
**Mike Hedges**  
**Gwyn R Price**  
**Jenny Rathbone**  
**Aled Roberts**  
**Jocelyn Davies**

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### Witnesses:

**David Richards, Welsh Government**  
**Arwel Thomas, Head of Corporate Governance**  
**Karen Sinclair, Former Assembly Member**  
**Ieuan Wyn Jones**  
**Andrew Davies, Former Minister for EIN**

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### Committee Staff:

**Tom Jackson (Clerk)**  
**Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Sarah Beasley (Clerk)**  
**Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)**

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair sent his apologies for the beginning of the meeting. The Clerk requested nominations for a temporary Committee Chair under Standing Order 17.22. Jenny Rathbone nominated Jocelyn Davies, who was duly appointed until the arrival of the Chair.

1.2 The temporary Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

1.3 Apologies had been received from Julie Morgan who had declared an interest in the Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel as her husband was First Minister during this period.

## **2. The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen Welsh Government**

2.1 The temporary Chair welcomed David Richards, Director of Governance; and Arwel Thomas, Deputy Director, Corporate Governance and Assurance Division.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

### **Action points:**

The Welsh Government was asked to provide:

- Further information on the Welsh Government's register of declarations of interest, including which declarations would be considered as potential risks;

### **Karen Sinclair (via Video Conference)**

2.3 The Chair welcomed Karen Sinclair, former Assembly Member.

2.4 The Committee questioned the witness.

### **Ieuan Wyn Jones AM**

2.5 The Chair welcomed Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, former Minister for Economy and Transport

2.6 The Committee questioned the witness.

### **Andrew Davies**

2.7 The Chair welcomed Andrew Davies, former Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks.

2.8 The Committee questioned the witness.

## **3. Papers to note**

3.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

## **4. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

Items 5 and 6.

## **5. Consideration of evidence on the Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen**

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen.

## **6. Public Audit (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 – Consideration of draft report**

6.1 The Committee considered its draft report on the Public Audit (Wales) Bill.

### **TRANSCRIPT**

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