

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Teams

Meeting date: Monday, 15 March 2021

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.05

Private Meeting

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Nick Ramsay MS (Chair) Gareth Bennett MS Delyth Jewell MS Darren Millar MS Rhianon Passmore MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Audit Wales:	Adrian Crompton (Auditor General for Wales) Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the Committee.

1.2 Apologies were received from Vikki Howells MS who had advised she was content with the draft report, being considered under Item 4.



2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2a Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – Arrangements for interim senior staff appointments: Letter from the Chief Executive, BCUHB (26 February 2021)

2b Effectiveness of Local Planning Authorities in Wales: Correspondence from the Welsh Government (1 March 2021)

2c Cardiff Airport: Letter from the Welsh Government (3 March 2021)

2d Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Public Accounts Committee's remit: Letter from the Welsh Government (4 March 2021)

2e Reflections on the Fifth Assembly/Senedd: Letter from the Welsh Government (8 March 2021)

2f Housing Adaptations: Letter from the Welsh Government (10 March 2021)

3 Scrutiny of Accounts 2019–20: Welsh Government

3.1 Members discussed the letter from the Permanent Secretary and it was agreed that the Chair would reply asking that the response is sent to the incoming Chair of the successor Committee.

4 Legacy Report: Consideration of draft Report

4.1 Members considered and agreed the Legacy Report, subject to a number of revisions. The Report will be published by the end of March 2021.

5 Closing Remarks

5.1 The Chair advised Members that this was the final meeting of the Public Accounts Committee in the Fifth Senedd. He thanked the current and past Members for their work and engagement with the Committee.

5.2 The past Members are:

- Mike Hedges;

- Neil McEvoy;
- Lee Waters,;
- Jack Sargeant;
- Neil Hamilton;
- Adam Price; and
- Angela Burns.

5.3 The Chair also remembered Mohammad Asghar, who sadly passed away in June 2020. He added that this and the predecessor Committees was blessed to have had *Oscar* as a Member.

5.4 Members of the Committee and the Auditor General for Wales paid tribute to Nick Ramsay MS for the consensual, inclusive and innovative way in which he had chaired the Committee over the past five years. They all wished him well for his future.

5.5 The Chair also paid tribute to the support received from the Auditor General, past and present, and his team, the Clerks and all the supporting staff within the Senedd Commission.

5.6 The Chair wished everyone well for the future.