

Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 23 October 2012**

Meeting time: **09: – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Lindsay Whittle

Witnesses:

Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Thomas, Motor Neurone Disease Association
Ann Marie Harkin, Group Director–Resources, Wales Audit Office
Jones, Wales Audit Office
Gillian Body, Assistant Auditor General, Wales Audit Office
Paul Dimblebee, Group Director – Performance Audit, WAO
James Price, Director General BETS
Jeff Collins, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

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

2. The estimate of Income and expenditure of the WAO for the year ending 31 March 2014

2.1 The Chair welcomed Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales; Kevin Thomas, Assistant Auditor General for Wales; Ann-Marie Harkin, Group Director; and Terry Jones, Technical Manager.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the Auditor General on his estimate of income and expenditure for the year ending 31 March 2014.

Action points:

The Auditor General for Wales agreed to provide:

- Further information on the capacity of the current ICT server at the WAO and how the Wales Audit Office calculated when it would need to replace its server.

3. The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen – Evidence from the Welsh Government

3.1 The Chair welcomed James Price, Director General, Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science; and Jeff Collins, Director of Delivery.

3.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Welsh Government agreed to provide:

- Further information clarifying whether Welsh Government officials had responded to correspondence sent by the solicitors of Powys Fadog.
- Further information on how Welsh Government officials came to the decision to deem the River Lodge Hotel site surplus to requirement.

4. Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the paper on the follow up of recommendations made by the Third Assembly's Public Accounts Committee.

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

Items 6 and 7.

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

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

7. Consideration of the estimate of income and expenditure of the WAO for the year ending 31 March 2014

7.1 The Committee discussed the estimate of income and expenditure of the WAO for the year ending 31 March 2012.

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