

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 6 October 2021

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.33

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mark Isherwood MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Nia Morgan, Director of Finance Ken Skates MS, Commissioner
Audit Wales:	Adrian Crompton (Auditor General for Wales) Ann-Marie Harkin Clare James Mark Jeffs Stephen Lisle Gareth Lucey Matthew Mortlock Nick Selwyn



Committee Staff:	<p>Fay Bowen (Clerk)</p> <p>Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Chloe Corbyn (Researcher)</p> <p>Martin Jennings (Researcher)</p>
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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions – Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the Committee.

2 Scrutiny of Accounts – Senedd Commission 2020–21

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Senedd Commission on the Annual Report and Accounts 2020–21.

2.2 The Senedd Commission agreed to provide some additional information on a number of points raised.

3 Barriers to the successful Implementation of the Well–Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

3.1 The Members discussed the responses to the Report.

3.2 The Chair agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government regarding the practice of ‘accept in principle’ in response to the Committee’s recommendations.

3.3 The Chair agreed to write to the Chair of the Equality & Social Justice Committee with the responses and requesting that we give consideration to how the two Committees can work together on this issue.

3.4 The Committee agreed to table a further debate to enable the responses to the Report to be debated.

4 Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2020–21

4.1 Members noted the Report.

4.2 The Chair agreed to write to the Welsh Government seeking their views on the revised guidance the FRAB Annual Report refers to on the issue of qualification of Government Accounts.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Scrutiny of Accounts – Senedd Commission 2020–21: Consideration of evidence received

6.1 Members discussed the evidence received and noted that the Clerks would prepare the draft report.

7 Auditor General for Wales Report: Picture of Public Services 2021

7.1 The Auditor General for Wales gave an oral briefing on the findings of this study to the Committee.

7.2 The Committee agreed to use the Report to inform wider scrutiny issues.

8 Auditor General for Wales Report: Student Finances

8.1 The Auditor General for Wales gave an oral briefing on the findings of this study to the Committee.

8.2 The Committee agreed to explore any areas of concern with the Welsh Government during the scrutiny of the Accounts evidence sessions later in the term.

9 Auditor General for Wales Report: Regenerating town centres in Wales

9.1 The Auditor General for Wales gave an oral briefing on the findings of this study to the Committee.

9.2 The Committee agreed to explore any areas of concern with the Welsh Government during the update on Covid-19 and the impact on the Local Government and Education Group, scheduled in January 2022.

10 Auditor General for Wales Report: NHS Wales Finances Data Tool – up to March 2021

10.1 The Auditor General for Wales gave an oral briefing on the findings of this study to the Committee.

10.2 The Committee noted the study.