

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5, Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 1 February
2024

Meeting time: 09.17 – 12.30

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mark Isherwood MS (Chair) Adam Price MS
Witnesses:	Tracey Burke, Welsh Government Neil Hemington, Welsh Government John Howells, Welsh Government Emma Williams, Welsh Government
Audit Wales:	Matthew Mortlock Tim Buckle Charles Rigby
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Owain Davies (Second Clerk) Lisa Hatcher (Deputy Clerk) Steffan Lewis (Secretariat)



1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee.

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS and Natasha Asghar MS.

1.3 Altaf Hussain MS attended the meeting as substitute for Natasha Asghar MS.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The Committee noted the letter, agreeing to await the evaluation report from the Development Bank and request further advice from Audit Wales once the report has been received.

2.1 Letter from the Director General for the Economy, Treasury and Constitution Group regarding Wales Life Science Investment Fund

3 Evidence Session with the Welsh Government – Building Safety in Wales

3.1 The Committee received evidence from Tracey Burke – Director General – Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Emma Williams – Director – Housing and Regeneration, John Howells – Director – Climate Change, Planning and Energy and Neil Hemington – Head of Planning, as part of its inquiry into building safety in Wales.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Building Safety in Wales – Consideration of the evidence received

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Draft Report – Scrutiny of Accounts: The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales 2022–23

6.1 The Committee considered the draft report.

7 Audit Wales briefing on their report: Sustainable development? – making best use of brownfield land and empty buildings

7.1 The Committee considered the report and agreed to await the Welsh Government's response to the report before deciding on any further action.