

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4, Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 17 July 2024

Meeting time: 09.15 – 10.55

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mark Isherwood MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Adam Price MS
Audit Wales:	Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Lucien Wise (Deputy Clerk)

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.



2 Papers to note

2. The papers were noted.

- 2.1 Letter from the Senedd Commission – Update on recommendations of the committee report on the Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Accounts 2022–23
- 2.2 Letter from the Auditor General for Wales to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee – Transport for Wales and the Core Valley Lines Modernisation
- 2.3 Letter from Digital Health and Care Wales to the Chairs of the Health and Social Care and Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee – Follow-up response to the Scrutiny of Digital Health and Care Wales Report
- 2.4 Letter from the Auditor General for Wales to the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee on The Welsh Government's support for TVR Automotive Ltd

3 Session on the Cabinet Manual and Access Talks – Withdrawn

3.1 Due to unforeseen circumstances the Permanent Secretary and the Director of Propriety and Ethics were unable to attend the evidence session.

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 Discussion on the Cabinet Manual and Access Talks – Next Steps

5.1 The Committee agreed that it would write to the Welsh Government to express their disappointment that the session scheduled for today had to be postponed, understanding that these were exceptional circumstances.

5.2 In discussing next steps the Committee could take on this issue, it was agreed that a short inquiry on the Cabinet Handbook and the Ministerial Code would be undertaken over the Summer Recess.

6 Draft Report – Building Safety in Wales

6.1 The Committee were content with the further amendments that had been made to the report.

The Committee also agreed on further additions to be made to the report, with a view to publish the report during the Summer Recess.

7 Discussion of the letter from the Auditor General for Wales to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee on Transport for Wales and the Core Valley Lines Modernisation

7.1 The Committee agreed that it would write to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee to inquire about any further work that they would undertake in this issue.

7.2 The Committee agreed that it would write to the Welsh Government and Transport for Wales, acknowledging the planned work of Audit Wales in this area, and to seek an update on the current financial position on the delivery of rail services and the Core Valleys Line modernisation project.

8 Discussion of the letter from the Auditor General for Wales to the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee on The Welsh Government's support for TVR Automotive Ltd

8.1 The Committee agreed that it would raise the issue of TVR Automotive Ltd in future scrutiny sessions with the Welsh Government.