

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

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Meeting Venue:  
**Hybrid – Committee Room 2 Senedd and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Thursday, 27 November 2025

Meeting time: 09.17 – 12.07

## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mark Isherwood MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Matthew Brown, Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) Katija Dew, British Red Cross Bethan Russell Williams, Mantell Gwynedd Clair Swales, Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations Professor Uzo Iwobi OBE, Race Council Cymru Chris Johnes, Building Communities Trust Gwendolyn Sterk, Welsh Women's Aid
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Nathan Owen (Second Clerk) John Hitchcock (Researcher)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Adam Price MS and Tom Giffard MS.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

- 2. The papers were noted.
  - 2.1 **Follow-up letter from Andrew Slade, Director General Economy, Energy and Transport – Welsh Government to the Chair regarding Gilestone Farm**
  - 2.2 **Further correspondence from Jane Runeckles, FDA to the Chair regarding the Ministerial Code**
- 2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the First Minister of Wales.

## **3 COVID-19: evidence session with the WCVA, British Red Cross, Mantell Gwynedd County Voluntary Council and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations**

- 3.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of WCVA, British Red Cross, Mantell Gwynedd County Voluntary Council and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations.
- 3.2 Mike Hedges MS declared that Clair Swales, Chief Executive Officer, Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations is known to him.
- 3.3 The Chair declared that he chaired the Cross-Party Group on Hospice and Palliative Care inquiry into the impact of the pandemic on palliative care.

## **4 COVID-19: evidence session with Race Council Cymru, Building Communities Trust and Co-Production Network for Wales**

- 4.1 The Committee received evidence from Race Council Cymru, Building Communities Trust and Co-Production Network for Wales.

4.2 The Chair declared that the witnesses were known to him.

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

5.1 The motion was agreed.

## **6 COVID-19: consideration of evidence**

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **7 Private paper to note**

7. The private paper was noted.

### **7.1 Response from the First Minister to the Chair regarding COVID-19**