

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 24 September 2013**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 10:31**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Jocelyn Davies
Sandy Mewies

Witnesses:

Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Mark Jeffs, Wales Audit Office
Geraint Norman, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Fay Buckle (Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

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

2 Briefing from the Auditor General for Wales on the Wales Audit Office report 'Health Finances 2012–13 and beyond'

2.1 The Committee received a briefing from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, on The Wales Audit Office Report 'Health Finances 2012-13 and Beyond. The Auditor General was accompanied by Mark Jeffs and Geraint Norman. The briefing was supplemented by questioning from the Committee.

Action points:

The Auditor General for Wales agreed to provide:

- Further information highlighting good practice within Health Boards on financial forecasts.

The Clerks were asked to:

- Discuss with the Welsh Government whether any formulas were used to determine the amount of additional funding each LHB received in December 2012.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The minutes from the meeting held on 18 July 2013 were agreed.

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

4.1 The Motion was agreed.

5 Consideration of handling Wales Audit Office report 'Health Finances 2012–13 and beyond'

5.1 The Committee agreed to undertake a short inquiry into Health Finances 2012-13 and beyond. Specifically, they agreed to focus on:

- Quality of 3 year plans and the risk of potential frontloading in year 1
- Difficulties in achieving savings
- The deterioration of performance in some services areas
- Service reforms and the link to reducing costs
- Increase in negligence claims
- How Tier 1 priorities are determined

6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014–2015: Consideration of issues raised

6.1 The Committee agreed the draft letter.