

## Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:  
**Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date:  
**3 October 2013**

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Meeting time:  
**13:15**

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### Agenda

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#### **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions (13:15)**

#### **2 Unscheduled Care: Briefing from the Wales Audit Office (13:15 – 14:15)**

Huw Vaughan Thomas – Auditor General for Wales  
Dave Thomas – Director of Health and Social Care, Wales Audit Office  
Stephen Lisle – Performance Specialist, Wales Audit Office

#### **3 Papers to note (14:15) (Pages 1 - 2)**

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013

#### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business: (14:15)**

Items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

#### **5 Unscheduled Care: Members' consideration of issues raised by the Wales Audit Office Report (14:20 – 14:25)**

#### **6 Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition: Members' consideration of correspondence from Welsh Government (14:25 – 14:30) (Pages 3 - 12)**

PAC(4)-25-13 (paper 1)  
PAC(4)-25-13 (paper 2)

**7 A Picture of Public Services 2011: Members' consideration of correspondence from Welsh Government (14:30 – 14:35) (Pages 13 - 34)**

PAC(4)-25-13 (paper 3)

PAC(4)-25-13 (paper 4)

**8 Capital Investment in Schools: Members' consideration of correspondence from Welsh Government (14:35 – 14:40) (Pages 35 - 44)**

PAC(4)-25-13 (paper 5)

PAC(4)-25-13 (paper 6)

**9 Welsh Housing Quality Standards: Members' consideration of correspondence from Welsh Government (14:40 – 14:45) (Pages 45 - 62)**

PAC(4)-25-13 (paper 7)

PAC(4)-25-13 (paper 8)

**10 Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board: Members' consideration of the draft report (14:45 – 16:15) (Pages 63 - 100)**

PAC(4)-25-13 (paper 9)

## Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue: Committee Room 3 – Senedd

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Meeting date: Tuesday, 24 September 2013

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Meeting time: 09:00 – 10:31

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### Concise Minutes:

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#### Assembly Members:

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

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#### Witnesses:

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

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#### Committee Staff:

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

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#### TRANSCRIPT

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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.

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