

Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 1 July 2014

Meeting time:

09.00

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Agenda

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions (09:00)

2 Papers to note (09:00) (Pages 1 – 2)

**3 Meeting the Financial Challenges Facing Local Government in Wales
(09:05–09:50)** (Pages 3 – 15)

Research Brief

Steve Thomas CBE – Chief Executive, Welsh Local Government Association

Jon Rae – Director of Resources, Welsh Local Government Association

Dilwyn Williams – Corporate Director, Gwynedd County Council & Chair of Society of Welsh Treasurers

**4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public
from the meeting for the following business: (09:50)**

Items 5, 6 & 7

**5 Meeting the Financial Challenges Facing Local Government in Wales:
Consideration of evidence received (09:50–10:00)**

**6 Memorandum for the Accounting Officer of the Office of Public
Services Ombudsman for Wales (10:00–10:05) (Pages 16 – 23)**

PAC(4)–19–14(paper 1)

PAC(4)–19–14(paper 2)

**7 Professional Development Programme: Financial Scrutiny (10:05–
11:00)**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar AM (Chair)
William Graham AM
Mike Hedges AM
Alun Ffred Jones AM
Julie Morgan AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Aled Roberts AM
Sandy Mewies AM

Witnesses:

Mike Usher, Wales Audit Office
Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Financial Reporting Advisory Board (FRAB) Annual Report 2013–2014

3.1 Mike Usher, Sector Lead for Health and Central Government at the Wales Audit Office, gave a briefing on the report, which Members noted.

4 Unscheduled Care: Consideration of response from the Welsh Government

4.1 Members noted the Welsh Government's response to the recommendations contained in the Committee's report together with the advice from the Auditor General for Wales.

4.2 Members agreed that the Chair would write to the Welsh Government seeking clarification on a number of issues.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Intra-Wales – Cardiff to Anglesey – Air Service: Consideration of the draft report

6.1 Members considered the draft report and noted that a revised draft would be available for consideration at the Committee meeting on 15 July.

7 Annual Report 2013–14

7.1 Members discussed the content for the annual report and noted that the Clerks would prepare a draft for consideration at the Committee meeting on 15 July.

8 Senior Management Pay: Key issues

8.1 Member's discussed the paper and noted that Clerks would prepare a draft report for consideration early in the autumn term.

8.2 The Auditor General for Wales agreed to prepare a document comparing the pay guidance for public sector organisations.

9 Committee Correspondence – Public Accounts Committee

9.1 Members discussed the correspondence and agreed to consider the Arts Council for Wales' annual accounts 2013–14 in the autumn term.

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Agenda Item 6

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