

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: 29 September 2015

Meeting time: 09. – 11.01

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Darren Millar AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Jocelyn Davies AM Mike Hedges AM Aled Roberts AM Keith Davies AM (In place of Julie Morgan AM) Gwyn R Price AM (In place of Sandy Mewies AM) David Rees AM (In place of Jenny Rathbone AM)
Witnesses:	David Melding AM, Deputy Presiding Officer Nicola Callow, Director of Finance Claire Clancy, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Peter Curran, Sports Wales Sarah Powell, Sport Wales
Committee Staff:	Fay Buckle (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)



	Joanest Varney–Jackson (Legal Adviser) Matthew Coe (Wales Audit Office) Huw Vaughan Thomas (Wales Audit Office) Steve Wyndham (Wales Audit Office)
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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Sandy Mewies due to her responsibilities as an Assembly Commissioner (SO 18.9 refers). Gwyn Price substituted.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Julie Morgan and Jenny Rathbone. Keith Davies and David Rees substituted.

2 Papers to note

- 2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Scrutiny of Accounts 2014 – 15: Assembly Commission

3.1 The Committee considered the Assembly Commission’s annual accounts for 2014–15, questioning David Melding AM, Acting Assembly Commissioner, Claire Clancy, Chief Executive and Clerk to the Assembly and Nicola Callow, Director of Finance, National Assembly for Wales.

3.2 Claire Clancy agreed to send the Internal Audit Review of effectiveness of the Commission together with the corresponding action plan.

3.3 Nicola Callow agreed to send details of the budgets assigned to Women in Public Life and Vote@16? national conversation areas of work.

3.3 Claire Clancy agreed to send a note on the actual income performance versus anticipated income performance of the Pierhead Building.

4 Scrutiny of Accounts 2014 – 15: Sport Wales

4.1 The following table shows Members declarations made during this item:

Jocelyn Davies	Daughter is a sports coach
Mike Hedges	Member of a number of football, rugby and cricket clubs some of which have received lottery funding
Keith Davies	Member of a rugby club and Board of School Governors Son is a rugby coach
Aled Roberts	Member of Wrexham Football Supporters Trust and a school governor
David Rees	A swimming pool threatened with closure is in his constituency

4.2 The Committee considered Sport Wales annual accounts for 2014–15, questioning Sarah Powell, Chief Executive Officer and Peter Curran, Finance Director, Sport Wales.

5 The Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services: National Procurement Service Annual Report 2014–15

5.1 Members noted the first National Procurement Service Annual Report for the period 2014–15 together with the guidance and frameworks.

5.2 Members agreed that the Committee’s Legacy Report should suggest the successor Committee considers the forthcoming work the Auditor General intends to undertake on public procurement at the National Procurement Service.

6 Intra–Wales – Cardiff to Anglesey – Air Service: Consideration of the Welsh Government's Response

6.1 Members noted the Welsh Government response and the Auditor General’s remarks to the Committee Report.

6.2 Members agreed that the Chair should write to the Welsh Government seeking further clarification of the government’s response to the Report recommendations.

7 Responding to Welfare Reform in Wales: Consideration of the Welsh Government Response

7.1 Members noted the Welsh Government response to the Committee Report. The Auditor General for Wales advised the Committee that he would be writing to the Chair later this week with his comments.

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

8.1 The motion was agreed.

9 Scrutiny of Accounts 2014 – 15: Consideration of evidence received

9.1 Members considered the evidence received.