

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 6 February 2017

Meeting time: 14.00 – 16.22

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM Neil McEvoy AM Rhianon Passmore AM Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	Debra Carter, Welsh Government Graham Hinchey, City of Cardiff Council Reg Kilpatrick, Welsh Government Jon Rae, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)
Wales Audit Office:	Huw Vaughan Thomas – Auditor General for Wales Nick Selwyn – Wales Audit Office Dave Thomas – Wales Audit Office
Committee Staff:	Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members of the Committee and extended his welcome to Jennette Arnold, Deputy Chair of the London Assembly and Katie Smith, Head of Scrutiny at the London Assembly.
- 1.2 There were no apologies.
- 1.3 Neil McEvoy declared an interest as a Councillor on the City of Cardiff Council and knowing Graham Hinchey from the City of Cardiff Council.

2 Paper(s) to note

- 2.1 The papers were noted.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed to raise concerns about the Welsh Government's counter-fraud measures with the Permanent Secretary later in the term.

2.1 Valedictory session: Letter from Sir Derek Jones, Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government (24 January 2017)

2.2 Financial Reporting Advisory Board Report 2015–16

3 The strategic approach of councils to income generation and charging: Evidence session 1

3.1 The Committee scrutinised Jon Rae, Director of Resources, Welsh Local Government Association and Graham Hinchey, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Performance, City of Cardiff Council on the strategic approach of councils to income generation and charging.

3.2 Jon Rae agreed to check and send further information on any schemes across Wales that are generating income for local authorities.

3.3 Graham Hinchey agreed to send financial details of schemes introduced by the City of Cardiff Council since 2012 that are generating income for the local authority together with examples of innovative schemes that the local authority has introduced which are benefitting other local authorities through the sharing of good practice.

4 The strategic approach of councils to income generation and charging: Evidence session 2

4.1 The Committee scrutinised Reg Kilpatrick, Director, Local Government and Debra Carter, Deputy Director, Local Government Finance Policy, Welsh Government on the strategic approach of councils to income generation and charging.

4.2 Reg Kilpatrick agreed to send details of examples of good practice in England where a number of local authorities have taken a novel approach to creating trading companies to generate income.

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 The strategic approach of councils to income generation and charging: Consideration of evidence received

6.1 Members considered the evidence received and agreed to write to the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee with comments as part of their consideration of the Local Government White Paper.

7 Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition: Consideration of draft report

7.1 Members considered the draft report and made a number of suggestions which will be incorporated into a further draft version. This will be scheduled for further consideration in Committee.