

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 23 October 2017

Meeting time: 14.02 – 15.58

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Vikki Howells AM Adam Price AM Lee Waters AM
Wales Audit Office:	Huw Vaughan Thomas – Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Hywel Dafydd (Researcher) Sally Jones (Communications) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting and extended a welcome to Adam Price AM who was elected as a Member of the Committee on 18 October.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore AM. There was no substitute.

2 Paper(s) to note

- 2.1 The papers were noted.
- 2.1 **Rail Services: Correspondence from Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee (10 October 2017)**

3 Auditor General for Wales Report: Public Procurement in Wales

- 3.1 The Auditor General for Wales provided an oral briefing on the findings of his Report on Public Procurement in Wales, which was published on 17 October. The Auditor General advised the Committee that a further report on the National Procurement Service was scheduled to be published by the end of the year.
- 3.2 Members noted the report and agreed to undertake an inquiry when the Auditor General's Report on the National Procurement Service is published.

4 The Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme

- 4.1 Members considered the scoping paper for the forthcoming inquiry on the Supporting People Programme
- 4.2 Members agreed that the inquiry should focus on the impact of wider policy developments; funding distribution and financial planning; and monitoring and evaluation of the programme's impact. Members also agreed to undertake a written consultation.

5 Care experienced children and young people

- 5.1 Members received an oral analysis of the consultation responses from Hywel Dafydd, Research Service. Sally Jones, Communications Team, spoke about the findings from the focus group meetings undertaken with care experienced children and young people.
- 5.2 Members discussed the inquiry scope and potential witnesses for Part 1 of the inquiry.

6 Committee working practices and procedures: Member Briefings – Discussion on approach

6.1 Members considered a paper on the briefing material they receive to assist with their preparation for evidence gathering sessions.