

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 6 November
2017

Meeting time: 13.00 – 16.02

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Vikki Howells AM Rhianon Passmore AM Lee Waters AM Angela Burns AM (In place of Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM)
Witnesses:	Nick Capaldi, Arts Council of Wales David Michael, National Library for Wales Rhodri Glyn Thomas, National Library of Wales Linda Tomos, National Library of Wales Gwyn Williams, Arts Council of Wales
Wales Audit Office:	Huw Vaughan Thomas – Auditor General for Wales Anthony Barrett Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)



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	Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher) David Millett (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Mohammad Asghar AM – Angela Burns AM substituted. Neil Hamilton AM and Adam Price AM also sent apologies.
- 1.3 Lee Waters AM declared an interest as a Member of the National Library for Wales’ Welsh Political Archive Committee.

2 Paper(s) to note

- 2.1 The papers were noted.
- 2.1 **Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17: Additional information from the Welsh Government (16 October 2017)**
- 2.2 **Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17: Additional information from Sport Wales (1 November 2017)**
- 2.3 **Committee working practices and procedures: Appointment of Chief Executive of the Welsh Revenue Authority (18 October 2017)**

3 Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17: Arts Council for Wales

3.1 Members scrutinised Nick Capaldi, Chief Executive and Gwyn Williams, Director of Finance at the Arts Council for Wales on the Annual Report and Accounts 2016–17.

3.2 Nick Capaldi agreed to send:

- further information on the amount of the budget that is allocated for projects specifically targeted for NEETS in disadvantaged areas, the number of projects and the priority attached to them by the Arts Council;
- a detailed breakdown of the Arts Council for Wales’ reserves; and
- the number of organisations identified as ‘red risk’ in the portfolio.

4 Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17: National Library of Wales

3.1 Members scrutinised Linda Tomas, National Librarian; Rhodri Glyn Thomas, President and David Michael, Director of Corporate Resources at the National Library of Wales on the Annual Report and Accounts 2016–17.

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 Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17: Consideration of evidence received

6.1 Members considered the evidence received.

6.1 The Chair asked the Clerks to prepare a report for Member's consideration.