

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 27 November
2017

Meeting time: 14.01 – 16.44

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Vikki Howells AM Rhianon Passmore AM Adam Price AM
Witnesses:	Naomi Alleyne, Welsh Local Government Association Angela Lee, Gwent Regional Collaborative Committee Sam Lewis, Gwent Regional Collaborative Committee Nigel Stannard, Newport City Council Elke Winton, Torfaen County Borough Council
Wales Audit Office:	Huw Vaughan Thomas – Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Lee Waters AM. There was no substitute.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.2 On the challenges of digitalisation, Members were in agreement that the Chair writes to the Chair of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee enclosing a copy of the Permanent Secretary's letter and a recommendation that the Committee explores this further with the Minister. Members also agreed to hold an introductory session with the newly appointed Director General's at the Welsh Government in the New Year.

2.1 Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17: Additional information from Sport Wales (14 November 2017)

2.2 Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17: Additional information from Arts Council for Wales (17 November 2017)

2.3 Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17: Additional information from the National Library of Wales (20 November 2017)

2.4 Challenges of Digitalisation: Additional information from the Welsh Government (17 November 2017)

2.5 Appointment of Director General's in the Welsh Government: Letter from the Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government (21 November 2017)

3 Cardiff Airport: Update from the Welsh Government

3.1 Members noted the update and agreed to write to the Welsh Government highlighting concerns about the length of time taken to appoint an external board Member to Holdco and requesting an explanation about why it has taken so long.

4 The Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme: Evidence Session 2

4.1 The Committee received evidence from Naomi Alleyne, Director, Social Services and Housing, Welsh Local Government Association; Elke Winton, Group Manager Housing, Torfaen County Borough Council; and Nigel Stannard, Supporting People Programme Manager, Newport City Council (and Chair of the Supporting People Information Network) as part of its inquiry into The Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme.

5 The Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme: Evidence Session 3

5.1 The Committee received evidence from Sam Lewis, Vice Chair, Gwent Regional Collaborative Committee and Angela Lee, Regional Development Coordinator, Gwent Regional Collaborative Committee as part of its inquiry into The Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme.

5.2 The Committee agreed to request a breakdown of the administrative costs associated with Supporting People and the other grants being considered within the Flexible funding project from the Welsh Government.

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

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 The Welsh Government's Supporting People Programme: Consideration of evidence received

7.1 Members considered the evidence received.

8 Forward Work Programme Spring 2018

8.1 Members noted the forward work programme for the spring 2018 term.