

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – The Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 16 July 2018

Meeting time: 13.45 – 17.18

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Vikki Howells AM Adam Price AM Lee Waters AM Mike Hedges AM (In place of Rhianon Passmore AM)
Witnesses:	Dr Andrew Goodall, Welsh Government Simon Dean, Welsh Government Steve Elliot, Welsh Government Frances Duffy, Welsh Government Andrew Griffiths, NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS)
Wales Audit Office:	Huw Vaughan Thomas CBE – Auditor General for Wales Mark Jeffs Dave Thomas
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the Committee.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Neil Hamilton AM and Rhianon Passmore AM. Mike Hedges AM was present as a substitute.

2 Paper(s) to note

- 2.1 The papers were noted.
- 2.1 **Speak my language: Overcoming language and communication barriers in public services: Auditor General for Wales Report**
- 2.2 **Housing Adaptations: Letter from the Welsh Government (10 July 2018)**
- 2.3 **The 21st Century Schools and Education Programme: Letter from the Welsh Government (10 July 2018)**
- 2.4 **The 21st Century Schools and Education Programme: Additional information from the WLGA (12 July 2018)**

3 Implementation of the NHS Finance (Wales) Act 2014: Evidence Session 4

- 3.1 Members received evidence from Dr Andrew Goodall, NHS Chief Executive/Director General, Health and Social Services; Simon Dean, Deputy Chief Executive NHS; and Steve Elliot, Deputy Director of Finance, Welsh Government as part of the inquiry into the Implementation of the NHS Finance (Wales) Act 2014.
- 3.2 Dr Goodall agreed to send further information on a number of issues raised.

4 NHS Wales Informatics Services: Evidence Session 4

- 4.1 Members received evidence from Dr Andrew Goodall, NHS Chief Executive/Director General, Health and Social Services; Frances Duffy, Director of Primary Care, Welsh Government and Andrew Griffiths, Chief Executive, NWIS as part of the inquiry into the NHS Wales Informatics Services.

4.2 Dr Goodall and Andrew Griffiths agreed to send further information on a number of issues raised.

5 Valedictory session: Auditor General for Wales

5.1 Members held a valedictory session with the Auditor General for Wales ahead of his retirement on 20 July 2018.

5.2 The Committee Chair recorded his thanks to Huw for all the support and advice he has provided to all the Public Accounts Committee Chairs during his tenure as Auditor General, and wished him a very happy, healthy and long retirement. He advised Members that he was making a full statement in plenary on Wednesday 20 July but as this was Huw's last public item in Committee, wanted to record his gratitude on the record.

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 Implementation of the NHS Finance (Wales) Act 2014: Consideration of evidence received

7.1 Members considered the evidence received.

8 NHS Wales Informatics Services: Consideration of evidence received

8.1 Members considered the evidence received.