## **Concise Minutes - Public Accounts Committee**

Meeting Venue:

This meeting can be viewed

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

on Senedd TV at:

Meeting date: Monday, 25 November

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2019

Meeting time: 12.45 - 15.30

## Attendance

| Category            | Names                                       |
|---------------------|---|
| Assembly Members:   | Nick Ramsay AM (Chair)                      |
|                     | Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM                  |
|                     | Gareth Bennett AM                           |
|                     | Vikki Howells AM                            |
|                     | Jenny Rathbone AM                           |
|                     | Dai Lloyd AM (In place of Adam Price AM)    |
| Witnesses:          | Tracey Burke, Welsh Government              |
|                     | Claire Germain, Welsh Government            |
|                     | Reg Kilpatrick, Welsh Government            |
| Wales Audit Office: | Adrian Crompton - Auditor General for Wales |
|                     | Deryck Evans                                |
|                     | Mark Jeffs                                  |
|                     | Matthew Mortlock                            |
|                     | Nick Selwyn                                 |
| Committee Staff:    | Fay Bowen (Clerk)                           |

| Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) |
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- 1 Auditor General for Wales Report: Public Spending Trends in Wales 1999-00 to 2017-18
  - 1.1 Members received a briefing on this Report for the Wales Audit Office.
- 2 Financial Management and Governance in Community Councils: Auditor General for Wales briefing
  - 2.1 The Wales Audit Office gave a briefing on the financial management and governance in Community Councils.
- 3 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest
  - 3.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.
  - 3.2 Apologies were received from Adam Price AM. Dr Dai Lloyd AM substituted. Apologies were also received from Rhianon Passmore AM.
- 4 Paper(s) to note
  - 4.1 The paper was noted.
- 4.1 The Welsh Government's relationship with Pinewood: Letter from the Welsh Government (11 November 2019)
- 5 Financial Management and Governance in Community Councils: Evidence session with the Welsh Government
  - 5.1 The Committee questioned the Welsh Government on the financial management and governance in Community Councils.
  - 5.2 Tracey Burke agreed to send details of the number of uncontested seats from the town and community councils elections held in 2017.
- 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 Financial Management and Governance in Community Councils: Consideration of evidence received

7.1 Members considered the evidence received.

## 8 Forward Work Programme: Spring 2020

8.1 Members considered and agreed the forward work programme for the spring 2020 term.