

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 24 February 2020

Meeting time: 13.04 – 15.37

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Gareth Bennett AM Vikki Howells AM Delyth Jewell AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner Marie Brousseau-Navarro, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
Wales Audit Office:	Adrian Crompton – Auditor General for Wales Nick Selwyn
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.



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1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore AM.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.2 The Committee agreed that the Chair would respond to the Auditor General for Wales's consultation on future audit arrangements for Town and Community Councils.

2.1 Ministerial Direction – NHS pension arrangements for 2019/20: Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services (4 February 2020)

2.2 Financial Management and Governance in Community Councils: Letter from the Welsh Government (31 January 2020) and Auditor General for Wales Report – Financial management and governance – Community and town councils 2018–19 (6 February 2020)

2.3 Medicines Management: Letter from the Welsh Government (10 February 2020)

2.4 Public Procurement: Letter from the Welsh Government (11 February 2020)

2.5 NHS Wales Informatics Services: Letter from the Welsh Government (11 February 2020)

3 Effectiveness of Local Planning Authorities in Wales: Evidence Session with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

3.1 The Members questioned Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales as part of the Committee's inquiry into the Effectiveness of Local Planning Authorities in Wales.

4 Effectiveness of Local Planning Authorities in Wales: Evidence session with the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

4.1 The Members questioned Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and Marie Brousseau-Navarro as part of the Committee's inquiry into the Effectiveness of Local Planning Authorities in Wales.

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 Effectiveness of Local Planning Authorities in Wales: Consideration of evidence received

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.