

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Monday, 8 June 2020

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Meeting time: 12.55 – 16.17

Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay MS (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) MS Gareth Bennett MS Vikki Howells MS Delyth Jewell MS Rhianon Passmore MS Jenny Rathbone MS
Witnesses:	Duncan Hamer, Welsh Government Sioned Evans, Welsh Government Andrew Slade, Welsh Government Emma Watkins, Welsh Government
Audit Wales:	Adrian Crompton – Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Tom Lewis–White (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.

1.2 There were no apologies.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.2 The Chair advised he would respond to the Welsh Government on housing adaptations.

2a Committee Correspondence: Senedd Electoral Reform – Letter from the Auditor General for Wales (15 May 2020)

2b Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Public Accounts Committee's remit: Letters from the Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government (19 May 2020) (1 June 2020)

2c Housing Adaptations: Letter from the Welsh Government (28 May 2020)

3 Welsh Government Financial Support for Business: Evidence session with the Welsh Government

3.1 Members questioned Andrew Slade, Sioned Evans, Duncan Hamer and Emma Watkins as part of their inquiry into Welsh Government Financial Support for Business and particularly focussed on the economic impact of Covid-19.

3.2 There were a number of actions points which Andrew Slade agreed to send additional information to the Committee.

3.3 The Chair advised the witnesses that he would write with the questions that were not reached.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Welsh Government Financial Support for Business: Consideration of Evidence received

5.1 Members considered the evidence received and it was agreed that the Chair would write to the Welsh Government with the Committee's views.

6 Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Public Accounts Committee's remit: National Audit Office Report

6.1 The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee will consider the recent National Audit Office Overview of the UK Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic at their meeting during the week commencing 15 June 2020 and invited the Committee to submit any views it may have.

6.2 Members noted and discussed the Report and the Chair will write with views in time to be considered at their meeting.

7 Effectiveness of Local Planning Authorities in Wales: Consideration of draft report

7.1 Subject to a minor addition, the Report was agreed and arrangements will be made for it to be published in June 2020.