

5 November 2021

Dear colleague

Scrutinising public administration

I am writing to seek your views on how the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee should approach the public administration part of its remit.

This is the first time that the Senedd has had a dedicated public administration committee. The Committee is now responsible for scrutinising matters relating to the machinery of government, including the quality and standards of administration provided by the Welsh Government civil service and Welsh Government Sponsored Bodies. Like its predecessor, it is also responsible for scrutiny of public accounts.

To help us consider how we should discharge this part of our remit and what our priorities should be, we would welcome your views on:

- principles and best practice for scrutiny of public administration;
- what information and evidence the committee will need in order to maintain effective oversight of public administration; and
- priority issues we may wish to consider.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Isherwood MS, Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg / We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

How to respond

The Committee welcomes responses in English or Welsh.

Submissions should be no longer than five sides of A4, with numbered paragraphs, and should focus on matters set out above.

If you wish to submit evidence, please submit a single document (preferably as a Word document) with any tables, spreadsheets and annexes incorporated into the paper of your submission to SeneddPAC@Senedd.Wales.

Further guidance on preparing written evidence can be found on the [Senedd website](#).

At present, Senedd staff are primarily working from home. Therefore, any correspondence received other than by electronic means may not be attended to in a timely manner. I hope you understand this position.

The deadline for submissions is 9am on **Friday 3 December 2021**. The Committee may wish to take oral evidence from respondents early in the spring term.

Disclosure of Information

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For sending to a targeted list of stakeholders and publication on the Committee's webpages.

Draft list of stakeholders:

Professor Steve Martin (Cardiff University), Director, Wales Centre for Public Policy

Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Audit Wales

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Welsh Local Government Association

Dr Stephen Greasley (University of Exeter), Dr Dion Curry (Swansea University) and Dr Nick Dickinson (University of Oxford), Co-Convenors, Public Administration and Public Policy Specialist Group, Political Studies Association

Dr Karin Bottom (University of Birmingham), Chair, Public Administration Committee, Joint University Council

Dr Russ Glennon (Manchester Metropolitan University), Chair, Public Management and Governance Interest Group, British Academy of Management

Dr Helen Foster, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, Ulster University

Emma Norris, Director of Research, Institute for Government

Children's Commissioner for Wales

Equality and Human Rights Commission

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Welsh Language Commissioner

