

Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 20 February 2013**

Meeting time: **08:50 – 12:13**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies (Chair)
Peter Black
Christine Chapman
Paul Davies
Mike Hedges
Ann Jones
Julie Morgan
Ieuan Wyn Jones

Witnesses:

Christopher Chapman, WLGA
Jonathan Fearn, CLAW/ACES Property and Estates Group
Neil Davies, NHS Shared Services Partnership
Phil Fiander, Director of Programmes, Welsh Council for Voluntary Action
Matthew Brown, Communities Investment Fund Manager, WCVA
Peter Williams, WCVA
Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance and Leader of the House
Jo Salway, Welsh Government
Jeff Andrews, Welsh Government
Matthew Denham-Jones, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Gareth Price (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Eleanor Roy (Researcher)
Kerry Dearden (Researcher)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public.

2. Asset Management – Evidence from Welsh Local Government Association

2.1 The Chair welcomed Christopher Chapman, Programme Manager – Efficiency and Procurement, Welsh Local Government Association; and Jonathan Fearn, Chair of the joint CLAW / ACES Property & Estates Group.

2.2 Members questioned the witnesses.

2.3 The Committee agreed to write to the WLGA with questions which were not raised during proceedings.

3. Asset Management – Evidence from NHS Shared Services

3.1 The Chair welcomed Neil Davies, Assistant Director Facilities Service, NHS Wales Shared Services.

3.2 Members questioned the witness.

Action points:

NHS Shared Services Partnership agreed to provide:

- Case studies identifying how the NHS in Wales has collaborated with other public bodies in Asset Management to enhance service delivery.
- A list of examples where bodies in the NHS in Wales have effectively used the Land Transfer Protocol.

4. Asset Management – Evidence from Wales Council for Voluntary Action

4.1 The Chair welcomed Phil Fiander, Director of Enterprise and Regeneration, WCVA; Mathew Brown, Communities Investment Fund Manager; and Peter Williams, Director, Development Trusts Association Wales.

4.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Action point:

The WCVA agreed to provide:

- A note outlining examples of organisations in the voluntary sector, where assets are managed as a resource to aid service delivery and where it forms part of their overall strategy.

5. Welsh Government Supplementary Budget 2013–2014 – Evidence from the Welsh Government

5.1 The Chair welcomed Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance and Leader of the House; Jo Salway, Head of Strategic Budgeting; Matthew Denham-Jones, Head of Budgetary Control & Reporting; and Jeff Andrews, Specialist Policy Adviser.

5.2 The Committee scrutinised the Minister on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Budget 2013–14.

Action points:

The Minister agreed to provide:

- Clarification on the request in the supplementary budget motion for a reduction in the amount to be paid from the Consolidated Fund, due to other sources of income being higher than originally forecast, and a breakdown of these sources and the forecast amounts.
- Clarification on funds allocated in this financial year to the NewBuy (Mortgage Guarantee Scheme) and Welsh Housing Bond – and whether there is likely to be any draw down on these funds given the likely launch dates. Also an explanation as to how it is intended that the NewBuy scheme will be provided for in the budget, at the time where provision is made, and in the event of any default resulting in a cost to the Welsh Government.
- Further information on the transfer of capital funding from Invest-to-Save repayments to address IT costs and details of how the revenue funding for the Fund has increased as a result of further transfers.

6. Papers to note

6.1 The Committee noted the paper on Invest to Save visits; correspondence from the Welsh Government in response to action points from the 16 January meeting; and the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

8. Financial Implications of the Social Services Bill

8.1 The Committee discussed the financial implications of the Social Services Bill and agreed to invite the Minister for Social Services to be scrutinised by the Committee at a forthcoming meeting.

9. Consideration of evidence on the Welsh Government Supplementary Budget 2013–2014

9.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Budget 2013–14 and instructed the Clerk to prepare a draft Committee report.

10. Consideration of evidence on Asset Management

10.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on Asset Management and potential witnesses for forthcoming meetings.

10.2 The Committee agreed to prepare a survey to be addressed to Chief Executives of public bodies to gain further evidence for the inquiry.

TRANSCRIPT

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