

Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 11 June 2013**

Meeting time: **09: – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Jocelyn Davies
Sandy Mewies

Witnesses:

David Aldous, Audit Commission
Anthony Barrett, Wales Audit Office Partner, Wales Audit Office
Mike Usher, Wales Audit Office
David Rees, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2 Issues arising from the findings of the Wales Audit Office report 'Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board' Audit Commission

2.1 The Chair welcomed David Aldous, Associate Controller of Audit Technical Services, Audit Commission

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the witness.

Wales Audit Office

2.3 The Chair welcomed Anthony Barrett, Assistant Auditor General for Wales, Mike Usher, Technical Director for Financial Audit and David Rees, Governance Manager, from the Wales Audit Office.

2.4 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

Action Points:

2.5 The witnesses were asked to provide:

- A note on when Newport Internal Audit became involved in investigating concerns about the Drainage Board; and
- A note on the escalation options available to auditors.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted:

- Correspondence from Dean Jackson Johns to the Assistant Auditor General for Wales;
- Correspondence from the National Audit Office to the Assistant Auditor General for Wales;
- The Committee's Summer 2013 work programme.

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

Items 5 and 6

5 Consideration of evidence on issues arising from the findings of the Wales Audit Office report 'Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board'

5.1 Members discussed the evidence heard during their inquiry

6 Consideration of draft Committee report 'Civil Emergencies in Wales'

6.1 Members discussed amendments to their draft report, and agreed that a final text of their report would be formally agreed via e-mail.

TRANSCRIPT

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