

Draft Public Accounts Committee Forward Work  
Programme: Summer term 2013<sup>1</sup>

Thursday 18 April (9:30-12:30)

1. Introductions
2. Consideration of advice from the Auditor General for Wales on issues arising from the Committee's report 'Progress in delivering the Welsh Housing Quality Standard'
  - a. **Members' consideration of advice**
3. Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services
  - a. Welsh Government- Michael Hearty and Value Wales
  - b. NHS Shared Services partnership
4. Motion to go into private session
5. Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services
  - a. **Members' consideration of evidence**

Tuesday 23 April (9:00-11:00)

1. Introductions
2. The Consultant Contract in Wales
  - a. Adam Cairns, Chief Executive, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and Janet Wilkinson, Director of Workforce, Hywel Dda
3. Motion to go into private session
4. The Consultant Contract in Wales
  - a. **Members' consideration of evidence**
5. Grants Management
  - a. **Members' consideration of draft report**

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<sup>1</sup> Explanatory note from Clerk- in line with the PAC's discussions on the use of Thursdays, a meeting has generally been scheduled on approximately the third Thursday of each calendar month. Where possible, Thursday meetings have been scheduled to:

- enable the Committee to make effective progress with work;
- avoid clashes with the Finance Committee;
- minimise potential membership clashes with the Smoking Regulations committee; and
- minimise the impact of membership clashes with the Health and Social Care Committee.

Tuesday 30 April (9:00- 11:00)

1. Introductions
2. Correspondence from Business Committee
3. Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services
  - a. John House, Chief Executive Cardiff County Council
4. Motion to go into private session (including meeting of 7 May)
5. Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services
  - a. **Members' consideration of evidence**
6. Grants Management
  - a. **Members' consideration of final report**

Tuesday 7 May (9:00- 11:00)

PRIVATE MEETING

1. Consideration of correspondence from Wales Audit Office on **the Welsh Government's subsidy of** the North/South Wales Air link
2. Consideration of support for Committee
3. Consideration of potential work to seek updates on implementation of recommendations of previous Committee reports
4. Forward Work Programme
  - a. **Members' consideration of Forward Work Programme**
5. Grants Management- Final Report
  - a. **Members' consideration of draft report**

Thursday 16 May (9:00- 13:00)

1. Introductions
2. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report
  - a. Welsh Government (9:00- 10:00)
  - b. Natural Resources Wales (10:00- 10:50)

- c. General Manager of Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board and Association of Drainage Boards (10:55-11:45)
  - d. Former Clerk and Engineer of Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board (11:45-12:35)
3. Motion to go into private session
  4. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report
    - a. **Members' consideration of evidence** (12:35-13:00)

Tuesday 21 May (9:00-11:00)

1. Introductions
2. Advice from the AGW on WG responses to PAC reports **'Health Finances' and 'Maternity Services in Wales' (9:05 - 9:10)**
3. Papers to note
4. Motion to go into private session
5. Potential opportunity for briefing on legal issues **associated with River Lodge Hotel report, prior to report's publication (9:10-9:25)**
6. Civil Emergencies
  - a. **Members' consideration of draft report (9:30-11:00)**

Thursday 6 June<sup>2</sup>

1. Introductions
2. Update from Welsh Government on implementation of recommendations in Public Accounts Committee report: Hospital Catering (14:00-15:00)
3. Update from Welsh Government on implementation of recommendations in Public Accounts Committee report: A Picture of Public Services 2011 (15:00-16:00)
4. Update from Welsh Government on implementation of recommendations in 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly Public Accounts

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<sup>2</sup> Obviously, this is not the third Thursday of June. However, use of this date (rather than 20 June) is likely to minimise impact of a membership clash with the Health and Social Care Committee.

Committee report: Capital Investment in Schools (16:00-17:00)

5. Motion to go into private session
6. **Members' consideration of updates** from Welsh Government on implementation of recommendations from previous Committee reports (17:00-17:30)

### Tuesday 11 June

1. Introductions
2. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report
  - a. Audit Commission (9:00- 9:30)
  - b. Wales Audit Office (9:30- 10:00)
3. Motion to go into private session
4. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report
  - a. **Members' consideration of evidence** (10:00-10:20)
5. Civil Emergencies
  - a. **Members' consideration of final report** (10:20-11:00)

### Tuesday 18 June

1. Introductions
2. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report
  - a. James Harris, Former Board Member of Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels IDB (9:00 - 9:50)
3. Motion to go into private session
4. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report
  - a. **Members' consideration of evidence** (9:50-10:00)
5. Appointment of non-executive Members and Chair of Wales Audit Office
  - a. **Members' consideration of options paper** and draft job adverts (10:00-10:20)

6. Local Audit and Accountability Bill: Consideration of Legislative Consent Memorandum (10:20 - 11:00)

*Thursday 20 June- Publication of Grants Management report*

Tuesday 25 June

1. Introductions
2. Progress in delivering the WHQS
  - a. Update from Welsh Government (9:00-10:00)
3. Briefing from Wales Audit Office on Continuing Healthcare (10:00-10:40)
4. Motion to go into private session
5. Progress in delivering the WHQS
  - a. **Members' consideration of evidence** (10:40-10:50)
6. Briefing from Wales Audit Office on Continuing Healthcare
  - a. **Members' consideration of** potential action arising from briefing

Monday 1 July

**Visit to House of Commons' Public Accounts Committee**

Tuesday 2 July

1. Introductions
2. Briefing from Wales Audit Office on forthcoming report (9:00-10:00)
3. Motion to go into private session
4. Members consideration of potential action arising from briefing (10:00-10:10)
5. The procurement and management of consultancy services
  - a. **Members' consideration of** draft report (10:10-11:00)

Tuesday 9 July

1. Introductions
2. Briefing from Wales Audit Office on forthcoming report (9:00-9:50)

3. Motion to go into private session
4. Members consideration of potential action arising from briefing (9:50-10:00)
5. The procurement and management of consultancy services
  - a. **Members' consideration of final report** (10:00-10:15)
6. The consultant contract in Wales
  - a. **Members' consideration of draft** report (10:15-11:00)

Thursday 20 July- Possible meeting in North Wales (tbc)

1. Introductions
2. Possible evidence sessions arising from forthcoming Wales Audit Office reports
3. Motion to go into private session
4. Evidence sessions arising from forthcoming Wales Audit Office reports
  - a. **Members' consideration of** evidence
5. The consultant contract in Wales
  - a. **Members' consideration of final report** (10:00-11:00)
6. Scoping Paper for future one-day-inquiry into senior officials pay

Other anticipated activity before end of 2013

- **One day inquiry into senior officials' pay**
- Appointment of non-executive Members and Chair of WAO board

Anticipated Publication of Committee reports:

Inquiry	Evidence Sessions	<b>Committee's</b> consideration of draft report	Approximate publication
River Lodge Hotel	Completed	Completed	Late May (delayed due to legal concerns)
Grants Management	Completed	23 April-7 May	20 June
Civil Emergencies	Completed	Late May- Early June	Early July
The Consultant Contract in Wales	23 April	Early July	Summer Recess
Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services	18 April - 30 April	Early July	Summer Recess
Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot and Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage Board	16 May-18 June	Autumn Term	Autumn Term