

Draft Public Accounts Committee Forward Work Programme:
Autumn term 2013¹

Monday 9 September (or Wednesday 11 September) TBC

Possible visit to discuss good practice with Westminster Public Accounts Committee.
Details tbc.

Tuesday 24 September (9:00-11:00)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Unscheduled Care**
 - a. Briefing from Wales Audit Office
- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. Unscheduled Care**
 - a. Members' consideration of issues raised by WAO report
- 5. Appointment of non-executive Members and Chair of WAO board**
 - a. Members' consideration of recommendations from selection panel;
 - b. Members' consideration and agreement of a short report to plenary on the recommended composition of the non-executive Members and Chair of WAO board
- 6. Welsh Government draft budget 2014-15**
 - a. Members' consideration of a draft letter to Finance Committee on various issues identified by PAC in the 2013 calendar year that may have relevance during budget scrutiny process.

Thursday 3 October (PM)²

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Continuing Healthcare**
 - a. Evidence from Welsh Government (tbc)
- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. Continuing Healthcare**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence

¹ Explanatory note from Clerk- in line with the PAC's previous discussions on the use of Thursdays, a meeting has generally been scheduled on approximately the **first** 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 the impact of membership clashes with Assembly Commission meetings; and
- minimise the impact of membership clashes with the Health and Social Care Committee.

² Finance Committee anticipated to meet in morning.

- 5. Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition; A Picture of Public Services; and Capital Investment in Schools**
 - a. Members' consideration of correspondence from Welsh Government on the various reports; and consideration of merit in producing a further Committee report on such.
- 6. Progress in delivering the Welsh Housing Quality Standards**
 - a. Members' consideration of correspondence from Welsh Government on the report
- 7. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot and Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage Board**
 - a. Members' consideration of draft report

Tuesday 8 October (9:00-11:00)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Health Finances**
 - a. Briefing from Wales Audit Office
- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. Health Finances**
 - a. Members' consideration of issues raised by WAO report
- 5. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot and Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage Board**
 - a. Members' consideration of final report

Tuesday 15 October (9:00-11:00)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Forthcoming Wales Audit Office report**
 - a. Opportunity for briefing on any forthcoming WAO report
- 3. The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen**
 - a. Members' consideration of advice from Auditor General for Wales on Welsh Government response
- 4. Grants Management in Wales**
 - a. Members' consideration of advice from Auditor General for Wales on Welsh Government response
- 5. Civil Emergencies**
 - a. Members' consideration of advice from Auditor General for Wales on Welsh Government response

6. **Motion to go into private session**
7. **Opportunity for consideration of handling of forthcoming Wales Audit Office report**

Tuesday 22 October (9:00-11:00)

1. **Introductions**
2. **Unscheduled Care**
 - a. Evidence Sessions tbc
3. **Motion to go into private session**
4. **Unscheduled Care**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence

HALF TERM (Week commencing 28 October 2013)

Thursday 7 November (Approximately 10:30am- PM)³

1. **Introductions**
2. **Inquiry into Senior Officials' Pay**
 - a. Evidence sessions tbc
3. **Motion to go into private session**
4. **Inquiry into Senior Officials' Pay**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence
5. **Continuing Healthcare**
 - a. Members' consideration of draft report

Tuesday 12 November (9:00-11:00)

1. **Introductions**
2. **Health Finances**
 - a. Evidence sessions tbc
3. **Motion to go into private session**
4. **Health Finances**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence

³ Finance Committee may meet in the morning to formally agree report on Welsh Government draft budget.

5. Continuing Healthcare

- a. Members' consideration of final report

Tuesday 19 November (9:00-11:00)

1. Introductions

2. Forthcoming Wales Audit Office report

- a. Opportunity for briefing on any forthcoming WAO report

3. Motion to go into private session

4. Unscheduled Care

- a. Members' consideration of draft report

Tuesday 26 November (9:00-11:00)

1. Introductions

2. Forthcoming Wales Audit Office report

- a. Opportunity for briefing on any forthcoming WAO report

3. Motion to go into private session

4. Unscheduled Care

- a. Members' consideration of final report

5. Inquiry into Senior Officials' Pay

- a. Members' consideration of draft report

Thursday 5 December (11am - PM)⁴

1. Introductions

2. Forthcoming Wales Audit Office report

- a. Opportunity for briefing on any forthcoming WAO report

3. Motion to go into private session

4. Inquiry into Senior Officials' Pay

- a. Members' consideration of final report

5. Health Finances

- a. Members' consideration of draft report

Tuesday 10 December (9:00-11:00)

1. Introductions

⁴ Assembly Commission meeting likely to take place up to 11am.

2. Forthcoming Wales Audit Office report

- a. Opportunity for briefing on any forthcoming WAO report

3. Motion to go into private session

4. Health Finances

- a. Members' consideration of final report

Other anticipated activity before end of 2013

- Inquiries into issues arising from forthcoming WAO reports
- Informal visit to discuss best practice with Westminster Public Accounts Committee:
 - following discussion with the Westminster PAC clerking team, two possible dates had been identified for a visit: 9 September and 11 September;
 - both dates are during the NAFW recess period;
 - the Westminster PAC clerking team have indicated that they anticipate that their Members would have a slight preference for **9 September**;
 - It is also anticipated that 9 September would avoid the potential for clashes with potential interview dates for Members on the WAO board selection panel;
 - The NAFW Clerking team will liaise with Members' offices in the next week to ascertain Members' preferences.
- Consideration of potential draft report on the implementation of recommendations made by PAC on Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition; A Picture of Public Services; and Capital Investment in Schools.

Anticipated Publication of Committee reports:

Inquiry	Evidence Sessions	Committee's consideration of draft report	Approximate publication
Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services	Completed	16 July	Summer Recess
The Consultant Contract in Wales	Completed	16 July	Summer Recess
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	18 July	Summer Recess	Summer Recess
Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot and Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage Board	Completed	3 October – 8 October	Early November
Updates on the implementation of recommendations made by PAC on Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition; A Picture of Public Services; and Capital Investment in Schools	Members' consideration correspondence arising from 6 June meeting scheduled for 3 <i>October</i> . Decision to be made by Members at this point on whether to produce a summary report.	Autumn Term (tbc)	Autumn Term (tbc)
Implementation of the National Framework for Continuing NHS Healthcare	3 October	7-12 November	Early December
Unscheduled Care (if Members choose to conduct inquiry)	22 October	19-26 November	Christmas Recess
Senior Officials' Pay	7 November	26 November- 5 December	Spring Term

Health Finances (if Members choose to conduct inquiry)	12 November	5-10 December	Spring Term
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