

Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 4 – Ty Hywel**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 20 March 2014**

Meeting time: **09.30 – 10.48**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

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

Witnesses:

Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Isobel Garner, Wales Audit Officer
Ann Marie Harkin, Group Director–Resources, Wales Audit Office
Terry Jones, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Bethan Davies (Clerk)
Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Richard Bettley (Researcher)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Helen Jones (Researcher)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Wales Audit Office – Consideration of Fees Schedule 2014/15

3.1 The Committee considered and approved a scheme for charging fees by the Wales Audit Office subject to some technical modifications being made after 1 April 2014, when the Board legally comes into effect.

3.2 The Committee requested that the Wales Audit Office provide the Committee with a briefing session on its accounts, estimates and fee scales.

4 Private meetings – Finance Committee

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Wales Audit Office – Memorandum of Understanding for the Accounting Officer

5.1 The Memorandum of Understanding was agreed in draft and Committee noted that it will be issued on 1 April.

5.2 The Committee agreed that the Auditor General for Wales should see a copy in draft prior to it being issued.

6 Budget Best Practice Inquiry: Consideration of the terms of reference

6.1 Members considered the suggested terms of reference and agreed that they would prefer to undertake the inquiry in two parts. They also agreed the terms of reference and approach to evidence gathering and will give further consideration to the expert advisor at a future meeting.

7 Higher Education Funding: Consideration of key issues

7.1 The Committee considered the key issues. The Clerks will prepare a draft report for consideration after the Easter recess.