

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 18 February 2014**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 10:37**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mike Hedges
Alun Ffred Jones
Julie Morgan
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Sandy Mewies

Witnesses:

**Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales
Audit Office**

Committee Staff:

Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

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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.

2.1 Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board: Letter from the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (5 February 2014)

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

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Grants Management in Wales: 2013 Welsh Government Annual Report

4.1 Members discussed the report and noted that this item will be scheduled for a fuller discussion after Easter when two related WAO reports will be available. It was agreed that the Chair will write to the Welsh Government seeking additional information in advance of that meeting.

5 Covering Teachers' Absence: Consideration of further evidence

5.1 Members noted the additional evidence. It was agreed that the Chair will write to the Welsh Government seeking clarity on a number of issues and the Clerks will prepare a draft report.

6 Health Finances 2012–13 and Beyond: Consideration of further evidence

6.1 Members noted the additional evidence. Members raised some concerns and it was agreed these would be covered in an impending oral session with the Chief Executive, NHS Wales.

6.2 The Clerks will finalise the report and circulate to Members for agreement.

7 Unscheduled Care: Consideration of further evidence

7.1 Members noted the additional evidence which will be reflected in the Committee's report.

8 Meeting the Financial Challenges Facing Local Government in Wales: Briefing from the Wales Audit Office

8.1 Members received a briefing from the Wales Audit Office on *Meeting the Financial Challenges Facing Local Government in Wales*.

8.2 It was agreed that the Chair will write to the Welsh Government and the WLGA seeking a response to the WAO report. The Chair will also write to the Chair of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee advising them of this report and requesting that that Committee considers undertaking an inquiry into this issue.

8.3 On receipt of the responses, the Committee will consider whether it will undertake an inquiry into this issue.