

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 7 October 2014**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 11.00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

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

Witnesses:

Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales
Amanda Hughes, Wales Audit Office
Derwyn Owen, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Michael Kay (Clerk)
Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Advisor)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee.

1.2 There were no apologies.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services (17 September 2014)

2.2 National Fraud Initiative 2012–13: Committee Correspondence

2.3 Assembly Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2013–14: Letter from the Chief Executive and Clerk to the Assembly (26 September 2014)

3 Scrutiny of Commissioners' Accounts 2013–14: Older People's Commissioner for Wales

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Older People's Commissioner for Wales Accounts for 2013–14 questioning Sarah Rochira, Older People's Commissioner for Wales and Alison Phillips, Director of Finance.

4 Scrutiny of Commissioners' Accounts 2013–14: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

4.1 The Committee scrutinised the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Accounts for 2013–14 questioning Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, Chris Vinestock, Director and Chief Officer, Dave Meadon, Finance Officer, and Susan Hudson, Policy & Communications Manager.

4.2 The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales agreed to send a note clarifying the provisions for pension arrangements and explaining the basis for historic pension deficits.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Scrutiny of Commissioners' Accounts 2013–14: Consideration of evidence received

6.1 Members discussed the evidence received.

7 Senior Management Pay: Consideration of draft report

7.1 Due to time constraints, Members were unable to consider the draft report. The Chair advised that the Clerks will seek their comments by email.