

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 22 November 2011**

Meeting time: **09: – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Mohammad Asghar (Oscar)
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn R Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Leanne Wood
Andrew RT Davies (Chair)

Witnesses:

Dame Gillian Morgan, Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government
Michael Hearty, Director General, SPFP
June Milligan, Director General, Local Government and Communities
Reg Kilpatrick, Director, Local Government and Public Service

Committee Staff:

Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)
Alun Davidson (Clerk)

1. Motion to elect Temporary Chair

1.1 The Clerk requested nominations for a temporary Committee Chair under Standing Order 17.22. Mohammad Asghar nominated Andrew RT Davies, who was duly appointed for both this meeting and the Committee's next meeting on 6 December 2011.

2. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 The Temporary Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2.2 Apologies had been received from Darren Millar, for whom Andrew RT Davies was substituting.

3. A Picture of Public Services 2011 – The key financial challenges facing Welsh public services: Evidence from the Welsh Government

3.1 The Committee welcomed Dame Gillian Morgan, Permanent Secretary; June Milligan, Director General for Local Government and Communities; Michael Hearty, Director General for Strategic Planning, Finance and Performance; Reg Kilpatrick, Director, Local Government and Public Services.

3.2 The Committee also welcomed Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales and Mark Jeffs, Wales Audit Office.

3.3 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Welsh Government agreed to provide:

- A profile of savings to be made by Welsh Government departments over the forthcoming financial year.
- Further details on additional funding made available to the Health Service in the last financial year.
- How Lean methodology was used to develop Farming Connect, including methods of reducing customer waiting time.
- Answers to questions the Committee did not reach during the meeting.

4. Papers to note

4.1 The Committee ratified the minutes of the meeting on 8 November 2011.

TRANSCRIPT

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