

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 21 February 2012**

Meeting time: **09:10 – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar)
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn R Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Lindsay Whittle

Witnesses:

Helen Birtwhistle, Director, Welsh NHS Confederation
Dr Andrew Goodall, Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Mark Jeffs, Wales Audit Office
Andy Phillips, Performance Specialist, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Leanne Wood for whom Lindsay Whittle was substituting.

2. A Picture of Public Services – Evidence from the NHS Confederation

2.1 The Chair welcomed Helen Birtwhistle, Director, Welsh NHS Confederation and Dr Andrew Goodall, Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan Health Board.

2.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Welsh NHS Confederation agreed to provide:

- Details of additional funds released from the recent Welsh Government's budget which will be allocated to Local Health Boards over the next three years.
- Further information on where significant savings and cost reductions have been made by individual health boards.

3. Briefing from the Auditor General for Wales on the Wales Audit Office report Public participation in waste recycling

3.1 The Committee received a briefing from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales and Andy Phillips, Performance Specialist on the Wales Audit Office report *Public Participation on Waste Recycling*.

3.2 The Committee discussed the Wales Audit Office report.

3.3 The Legal Advisor agreed to provide a note on the Welsh Government's legislative competence in waste recycling.

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

Item 5.

5. Consideration of options for handling the Wales Audit Office report on Public participation in Waste Recycling

5.1 The Committee considered options for the handling of the Wales Audit Office report *Public Participation in Waste Recycling*.

6. Paper to note

6.1 The Committee ratified the minutes of its meeting on 31 January 2012.