

Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 13 November 2013**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 12:05**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

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

Witnesses:

David Corner, Wales Audit Office
Mike Davies, Cardiff University
Ann Marie Harkin, Group Director–Resources, Wales Audit Office
Terry Jones, Wales Audit Office
Andrew Parry, Glyndŵr University
Professor Patricia Price, Cardiff University
Professor Michael Scott, Glyndŵr University
Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Kevin Thomas, Assistant Auditor General, Wales Audit Office
Paul Whiting, Glyndŵr University

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2 Auditor General for Wales' Annual Report and Accounts 2012–13:

Evidence from the Wales Audit Office

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Auditor General for Wales on his Annual Reports and Accounts for 2012-13.

3 Scrutiny of the Auditor General for Wales Estimate 2014–15

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Auditor General for Wales on his Estimates for 2014-15.

3.2 The Committee noted that the Auditor General intends to submit a supplementary estimate for 2013-14. The Committee agreed to correspond with him on this issue.

4 Inquiry into Higher Education Funding: Evidence from Cardiff University and Glyndwr University

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Professor Patricia Price, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student Experience and Academic Standards, Cardiff University, Mike Davies, Director of Finance, Cardiff University, Professor Michael Scott, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Glyndŵr University, Paul Whiting, Director of Finance, Glyndŵr University and Andrew Parry, Head of Corporate Communications, Glyndŵr University on higher education funding.

5 Inquiry into Higher Education Funding: Evidence from the Open University

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Rob Humphreys, Director, The Open University in Wales and Michelle Matheron, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, The Open University in Wales on higher education funding.

5.2 Rob Humphreys agreed to send a note to Committee with details of young people between the ages of 18 – 25 who are currently accessing OU courses.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The papers were noted.

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

7.1 The motion was agreed.

8 Inquiry into Higher Education Funding: Consideration of Evidence Received

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received on the inquiry into higher education funding.