

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 8 May 2017

Meeting time: 14.02 – 16.15

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM Neil McEvoy AM Rhianon Passmore AM Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	John Howells, Welsh Government Ian Williams, Welsh Government
Wales Audit Office:	Huw Vaughan Thomas – Auditor General for Wales Alistair McQuaid Mike Usher Emma Woodcock Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)



	Jonathan Baxter (Researcher) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)
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### **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 There were no apologies.

### **2 Paper(s) to note**

- 2.1 The papers were noted.
  - 2.1 **Cardiff Airport: Letter from the Welsh Government (30 March 2017)**
  - 2.2 **Regional Education Consortia: Written Submission from Regional Consortia (March 2017)**
  - 2.3 **Medicines Management: Additional information from the Welsh Government (28 April 2017)**
  - 2.4 **Welsh Government Grants Management Report 2016: Additional information from the Welsh Government (28 April 2017)**
- ### **3 The Welsh Government's Funding of Kancoat Ltd: Welsh Government's response to the Committee's Report**

3.1 Members considered the Welsh Government's response to the recommendations contained in their report.

3.2 Members agreed that the Chair seeks further assurances from the Welsh Government regarding the future handing of perceived conflicts that may arise beyond the actual boundary of a Minister's own constituency.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

#### **5 Inquiry into Regulatory oversight of Housing Associations: Evidence Session 13**

5.1 Members scrutinised John Howells, Director of Housing and Regeneration and Ian Williams, Deputy Director, Homes and Places, Welsh Government as part of its inquiry into the Regulatory oversight of Housing Associations.

#### **6 Inquiry into Regulatory oversight of Housing Associations: Consideration of evidence received**

6.1 Members considered the evidence received.

6.2 Members were in agreement that the Chair writes to the Welsh Government to seek a sensibly redacted version of the Statutory Inquiry report on Tai Cantref Housing Association and that if it is not forthcoming, that the Assembly's Power to call (Section 37 of the Government of Wales Act 2006) is used to obtain the document.

#### **7 The Circuit of Wales: Auditor General for Wales' Report**

7.1 Members received a briefing from the Auditor General for Wales on his recently published report on The Welsh Government's initial funding of the Circuit of Wales project.

7.2 Members have previously indicated that they wish to scrutinise the Welsh Government on this issue who have been invited to attend Committee on 12 June.