

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 27 March 2017

Meeting time: 14.00 – 16.49

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Neil McEvoy AM Rhianon Passmore AM Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	Nick Batchelar, Central South Consortium Joint Education Service (CSC) Mark Champion, Estyn Simon Brown, Strategic Director, Estyn Debbie Harteveld, South East Wales Education Achievement Service (EAS) Dermot McChrystal, South East Wales Education Achievement Service (EAS) Betsan O'Connor, Education through Regional Working (ERW) Barry Rees, Vice-Lead Director, Education through Regional Working (ERW)



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	<p>Clive Phillips, Estyn</p> <p>Arwyn Thomas, Regional School Effectiveness &amp; Improvement Service for North Wales (GwE)</p> <p>Hannah Woodhouse, Central South Consortium</p>
Wales Audit Office	<p>Huw Vaughan Thomas – Auditor General for wales</p> <p>Gareth Jones</p> <p>Matthew Mortlock</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)</p>

## Transcript

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### 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the Committee.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Mike Hedges AM. There was no substitute.
- 1.3 Neil McEvoy declared an interest as a Councillor on the City of Cardiff Council.

### 2 Paper(s) to note

- 2.1 The papers were noted.

**2.1 Community Safety in Wales: Letter from the Welsh Government (9 March 2017)**

**2.2 Medicines Management: Letter from Boots (9 March 2017)**

### **3 Regional Education Consortia: Evidence Session 1**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Hannah Woodhouse, Managing Director, Central South Consortium Joint Education Service (CSC); Nick Batchelar, Lead Director (City and County of Cardiff) Central South Consortium Joint Education Service (CSC); Debbie Hartevelde, Managing Director, South East Wales Education Achievement Service (EAS); Dermot McChrystal, Lead Director (Torfaen CBC) South East Wales Education Achievement Service (EAS); Betsan O'Connor, Managing Director, Education through Regional Working (ERW); Barry Rees, Vice-Lead Director (Ceredigion) Education through Regional Working (ERW) and Arwyn Thomas, Interim Managing Director, Regional School Effectiveness & Improvement Service for North Wales (GwE) as part of its inquiry into Regional Education Consortia.

### **4 Regional Education Consortia: Evidence Session 2**

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Simon Brown, Strategic Director, Clive Phillips, Assistant Director and Mark Champion, HM Inspector, Estyn as part of its inquiry into Regional Education Consortia.

4.2 Simon Brown agreed to send a copy of the current perception survey Estyn are undertaking together with an analysis of the results when available.

### **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 Regional Education Consortia: Consideration of evidence received**

6.1 Members considered the evidence received.