

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

This meeting can be viewed

External Location

on [Senedd TV](#) at:

Meeting date: Monday, 3 July 2017

<http://senedd.tv/en/4114>

Meeting time: 14.20 – 16.41

Cardiff and Vale College

Attendance

| Category | Names |
|---------------------|---|
| Assembly Members: | Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Vikki Howells AM Neil McEvoy AM Rhianon Passmore AM Lee Waters AM |
| Witnesses: | Iestyn Davies, Colleges Wales Geoff Hicks, Welsh Government Mark Jones, Chair, CollegesWales Sharron Lusher, Pembrokeshire College Huw Morris, Welsh Government |
| Wales Audit Office: | Huw Vaughan Thomas – Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock Ben Robertson |



| | |
|------------------|--|
| Committee Staff: | Huw Vaughan Thomas Matthew Mortlock Ben Robertson Fay Bowen (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser) |
|------------------|--|

Transcript

[View the meeting transcript \(PDF 999KB\)](#) [View as HTML \(999KB\)](#)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the Committee which was held at the Cardiff and Vale College. The Chair thanked the college staff for their assistance in facilitating the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Vikki Howells AM to the Committee.
- 1.3 There were no apologies.
- 1.4 Neil McEvoy AM declared an interest as having been employed in the FE sector.

2 Paper(s) to note

- 2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Welsh Government oversight of further education colleges 'finances and delivery': Evidence Session 1

- 3.1 The Committee took evidence from Iestyn Davies, Chief Executive Officer, ColegauCymru; Mark Jones, Principal, Gower College and Sharron Lusher, Chair, ColegauCymru as part of their inquiry into the Welsh Government oversight of further education colleges 'finances and delivery'.
- 3.2 Iestyn Davies agreed to send the following information:

- Proportion of funding spent on Welsh language and English language in the FE sector; and
- Percentage of FE funding spent on marketing.

4 Welsh Government oversight of further education colleges 'finances and delivery': Evidence Session 2

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Huw Morris, Director for Skills, Higher Education and Lifelong Learning, Welsh Government and Geoff Hicks – Head of Post 16 Funding, Welsh Government as part of their inquiry into the Welsh Government oversight of further education colleges 'finances and delivery'.

4.2 Huw Morris agreed to send the following information:

- Proportion of budget allocation spent on Welsh language and English language in the FE sector;
- A detailed explanation of how 21st Century Schools funding will be affected from March 2019 with the on-going UK withdrawal from the EU;
- Details of how learners from the Travelling Community are supported in the FE sector; and
- Send the allocation regarding capital funding from the draft budget, if able to.

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 Welsh Government oversight of further education colleges 'finances and delivery': Consideration of evidence received

6.1 Members considered the evidence received and agreed to write to the Welsh Government with their observations. The letter will be copied to the Children, Young People and Education Committee and the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee.