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Scrutiny of Accounts 2016–17

Additional information from Sport Wales

I am writing following comments made at the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee on Monday 9 October 2017.

The issue raised by the Auditor General was whether the recently commissioned review of Active Young People programme was as a result of Sport Wales' appearance before the Public Accounts Committee in October 2017.

I can confirm that in our 2017/18 remit letter from the Minister, we were asked to commission an external review of our young people programmes and Free Swimming Initiative; that is, before the Public Accounts Committee.

In accordance with Sport Wales' procurement procedures, we tendered this work in July 2017. Unfortunately, following careful assessment, we were not satisfied with the quality of bids. As a result, we split the review into two parts: a review of Free Swimming was commissioned in early October 2017 and will report by the end of March 2018, and we are currently advertising on Sell2Wales to procure an organisation to undertake a review of the young people programmes, which we expect will report in May 2018.

Sarah Powell Chief Executive

14 November 2017