

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Monday, 5 February 2018

Meeting time: 13.45 – 17.13

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Vikki Howells AM Rhianon Passmore AM Adam Price AM Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	Mike Halstead, Conwy County Borough Council Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Liz Lucas, Caerphilly County Borough Council Shan Morgan, Welsh Government Eurgain Powell, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner Steve Robinson, Cardiff Council Andrew Slade, Welsh Government



	Arwel Staples, Denbighshire County Council
Wales Audit Office:	Anthony Barrett – Assistant Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock Mike Usher
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)

## **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.

## **3 The Welsh Government's initial funding of the Circuit of Wales Project: Evidence Session with the Welsh Government**

3.1 The Committee questioned Shan Morgan, Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government; Andrew Slade, Director General, Economy, Skills and Natural Resources, Welsh Government and Andrew Jeffreys, Director, Treasury, Welsh Government on the Welsh Government's initial funding of the Circuit of Wales Project.

3.2 The Permanent Secretary agreed to write to the Chair clarifying a number of points raised during the evidence session.

## **4 Public Procurement: Committee correspondence**

- 4.1 The responses were noted.

## **5 Public Procurement: Evidence Session 1**

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Liz Lucas, Head of Procurement, Caerphilly County Borough Council and Steve Robinson, Head of Procurement, Cardiff Council as part of their inquiry into public procurement.

5.2 Liz Lucas agreed to send details of types and value of goods and services that Caerphilly CBC have purchased through the Crown Commercial Service framework.

## **6 Public Procurement: Evidence Session 2 (By video conference)**

6.1 The Committee took evidence from Mike Halstead, Head of Audit and Procurement, Conwy County Borough Council and Arwel Staples, Strategic Procurement Manager, Denbighshire County Council as part of their inquiry into public procurement.

## **7 Public Procurement: Evidence Session 3**

7.1 The Committee took evidence from Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and Dr Eurgain Powell, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales as part of their inquiry into public procurement.

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

8.1 The motion was agreed.

## **9 Public Procurement: Consideration of evidence received**

9.1 The evidence was considered.

## **10 The Welsh Government's initial funding of the Circuit of Wales Project: Consideration of evidence received**

10.1 The evidence was considered and Members agreed that the Clerks should prepare a draft report which they will consider along with the additional information from the Welsh Government.