

Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 8 May 2012**

Meeting time: **09:10 – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn R Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Lindsay Whittle

Witnesses:

Jon Rae, WLGA
Mari Thomas, WLGA
Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Mike Usher, Group Director – Financial Audit, WAO

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2. Grants Management in Wales – Evidence from the Welsh Local Government Association

2.1 The Chair Welcomed Jon Rae, Director of Recourses, WLGA and Mari Thomas, Policy Officer (Finance).

2.2 Members questioned the witnesses.

Action point:

The WLGA agreed to provide:

- Clarification on the need for (and use of) redundancy waivers when local authority staff are working on fixed-term contracts; and
- Clarification on whether such need arises from European Regulations.

3. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

Items 4 to 7.

4. Consideration of evidence on Grants Management in Wales

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence on its inquiry on Grants Management in Wales.

5. Consideration of response to the consultation on the Draft Public Audit (Wales) Bill

5.1 The Committee agreed its response to the consultation on the Draft Public Audit (Wales) Bill, which would be sent to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House shortly.

6. Handling of correspondence from the Auditor General for Wales regarding Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales

6.1 The Committee discussed correspondence from the Auditor General for Wales regarding Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales, which was previously noted by the Committee on 24 April 2012.

6.2 The Committee agreed to await the outcome of the Health and Social Care Committee's inquiry into residential care for older people (which includes consideration of the effectiveness of the current regulatory regime) before determining whether to take any further action as a result of the Auditor General's correspondence.

7. Consideration of visit to Northern Ireland Assembly

7.1 The Committee discussed a proposed visit to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

7.2 The Committee instructed its Clerk to develop more detailed proposals (including dates) for such.

8. Paper to note

8.1 The Committee ratified the minutes of the meeting on 1 May 2012.