

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 19 June 2012**

Meeting time: **09:20 – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn R Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Andrew RT Davies (Chair)

Witnesses:

Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Paul Dimplebee, Group Director – Performance Audit, WAO
Alan Morris, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

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

1. Motion to elect Temporary Chair

1.1 The Clerk requested nominations for a temporary Committee Chair under Standing Order 17.22. Mohammad Asghar nominated Andrew RT Davies, who was duly appointed for this meeting.

2. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 The Temporary Chair welcomed Members and members of the public.

2.2 Apologies had been received from Darren Millar, for whom Andrew RT Davies was substituting and Lyndsay Whittle.

3. Briefing from the Auditor General for Wales – Public Engagement in Local Government

3.1 The Chair invited the Auditor General for Wales and Alan Morris, Group Director – Performance Audit to brief the Committee on the Wales Audit Office report Public Engagement in Local Government.

3.2 The Committee agreed to invite the WLGA to provide information on examples of public engagement exercises being undertaken by councils in Wales.

3.3 The Auditor General agreed to provide examples of good practice identified during his investigation and provide feedback on the outcomes of the Shared Learning Seminar on public engagement in Wales.

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

Items 5 to 7.

5. Options for handling Public Engagement in Local Government

5.1 The Committee discussed its options for handling the Wales Audit Office report Public Engagement in Local Government.

6. Determination of witnesses for the inquiry into The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen

6.1 The Committee agreed which witnesses it wished to invite to provide evidence on the inquiry into The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen.

7. Discussion on Members' informal information gathering on Scotland's Grants Management framework

7.1 The Committee discussed the feedback from Members' informal information gathering on Scotland's Grants Management framework.

8. Papers to note

8.1 The Committee ratified the minutes of the meeting on 12 July 2012.

Transcript