

The Assembly Commission

Meeting Venue: **Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Ty Hywel**

Meeting date: **Monday, 22 October 2012**

Meeting time: **15: – 17:30**

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Minutes: AC(4)2012(8)

Committee Members:

Rosemary Butler (Chair)
Peter Black
Angela Burns
Sandy Mewies

Officials present:

Claire Clancy, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly (Official)
Dave Tosh (Official)
Craig Stephenson, Principal Private Secretary to the Presiding Officer (Official)
Carys Evans, Principal Commission Secretary (Official)

Others in attendance:

Mair Barnes, Independent Adviser

1. Introduction

1(i) Introduction and apologies

Apologies had been received from Rhodri Glyn Thomas and David Melding.

1(ii) Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. ICT future services strategy

The Merlin Contract, under which ICT services are provided to the Assembly, is due to expire in 2014. The Commission is required to give notice to the Welsh Government

and Atos by April 2013 of its decision in respect of the future provision of ICT services to the Assembly. The Commission agreed in November 2011 to assess two options: the extension of the Merlin contract, or a move to a mixed in-house provision.

Commissioners received more detailed information to inform their decision regarding future ICT services for the Assembly. They agreed that Atos should be invited to the meeting on 5 November in order for Commissioners to give full consideration to the option to extend the Merlin contract.

Action: Commissioners to invite Atos to present to their meeting on 5 November. The decision regarding future ICT services to be made at an additional meeting on 12 November.

3. Any other business

There was no other business.

**Secretariat
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