

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Monday, 18 February 2013**

Meeting time: **14: – 18:00**

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Wales



Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn Price
Aled Roberts
Jocelyn Davies

Witnesses:

Milligan, Welsh Government
Alyson Francis, Welsh Government
Wyn Price, Welsh Government
Christina Scott, Cabinet Office
Simon Wilkinson, Welsh Local Government Association
Gavin Macho, Welsh Local Government Association
Anne Evans, North Wales Resilience Forum Secretariat
Superintendent Claire Parmenter, Joint Emergency Services Group
Rhodri Jones, St John Cymru Wales
James Shaughnessy, St John Cymru Wales

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
- 1.2 Apologies had been received from Mohammad Asghar.
- 1.3 The Chair had also received apologies from the Auditor General for Wales.

2. Civil Emergencies in Wales – Evidence from the Welsh Government and Cabinet Office

2.1 The Chair welcomed June Milligan, Director General, Local Government and Communities, Welsh Government; Alyson Francis, Deputy Head of Community Safety, Welsh Government; Wyn Price, Head of Emergencies, Welsh Government; and Christina Scott, Director, Civil Contingencies Secretariat, Cabinet Office.

2.2 Members questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Welsh Government and Cabinet Office agreed to provide:

- A note outlining details of financial reimbursements made to local authorities to meet the costs of major emergencies, including reimbursements made to Swansea Council following the Fforestfach tyre fire.
- Further information on whether there are fixed rules in the Civil Contingencies Act which prevents Category Two responders or voluntary agencies from chairing working groups.

3. Civil Emergencies in Wales – Evidence on the local position

3.1 The Chair welcomed Simon Wilkinson, Regulatory Services Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association; Gavin Macho, Emergency Planning Manager, Cardiff County Council; Anne Evans, Local Resilience Coordinator, North Wales Resilience Forum

Secretariat; and Superintendent Claire Parmenter, Emergency Services Civil Contingencies Coordinator Wales, Joint Emergency Services Group.

3.2 Members questioned the witnesses.

4. Civil Emergencies in Wales – Evidence from the Voluntary Sector

4.1 The Chair welcomed Rhodri Jones, Operations Adviser, St John Cymru Wales, and James Shaughnessy, Director of Operations, St John Cymru Wales.

4.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

5. Papers to note

5.1 Members noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

7. Consideration of evidence on Civil Emergencies in Wales

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence they had taken on Civil Emergencies in Wales and instructed the Clerk to prepare a draft report on the basis of their discussion.

7.2 The Committee also discussed its work programme and timetabling, and agreed to write to the Presiding Officer in relation to its timetabling.

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