

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee Room 4 Tŷ Hywel  
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 17 September  
2025

Meeting time: 09.15 – 10.40

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## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Mark Isherwood MS (Chair) Tom Giffard MS Mike Hedges MS Alun Davies MS Adam Price MS
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Owain Davies (Second Clerk) Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk) Adrian Crompton (Auditor General for Wales) Matthew Mortlock (Audit Wales) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the first meeting of this Senedd term.
- 1.2 Adam Price MS declared that he is a Commissioner and felt that it would be inappropriate for him to comment on certain items on the agenda that were directly related to the Senedd Commission.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Rhianon Price MS, Alun Davies MS attended in her place.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2. The papers were noted.

### **2.1 Letter from Andrew Slade, Director, Economy, Energy and Transport – Welsh Government to the Chair regarding Cardiff Airport**

2.1 The Committee agreed to write to Welsh Government.

### **2.2 Letter from Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd to the Chair providing an update on recommendations from the Committee's report on the Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Accounts 2023–24**

### **2.3 Letter from Carolyn Thomas, Chair, Petitions Committee to the Chairs of the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding Petition P-06-1506 We call for an end to further public funding for cycle paths and cycle Infrastructure in Wales**

### **2.4 Letter from Rt Hon Eluned Morgan MS, First Minister of Wales to Rt Hon. Elin Jones MS, Chair, Chairs Forum regarding the work of Senedd Committees**

2.4 The Committee agreed to write to the Chairs' Forum and the Legislative, Justice and Constitution Committee.

## **2.5 Joint letter from Carol Shillabeer and Dyfed Edwards, Chief Executive and Chair – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to the Chair regarding the governance arrangements at Besti Cadwaladr University Health Board**

2.5 The Committee agreed to write to previous members of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to gain their views on the recent report.

## **2.6 Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Education to the Chair with an update on Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report**

2.6 The Chair declared an interest that his son is working as a teaching assistant in Flintshire.

2.6.1 The Committee agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Education to give evidence at a future meeting.

## **2.7 Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2024–25**

2.7 The Auditor General for Wales agreed to provide a note to the Committee.

## **3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

3.1 The motion was agreed.

## **4 Private paper to note**

4.1 Letter from Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd to the Chair providing an update on recommendations from the Committee's report on the Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Accounts 2023–24

4.1 The Committee discussed the letter.

## **5 Scrutiny of the preparedness and response of the Welsh Government and other Welsh public bodies during the COVID–19 pandemic: next steps**

5.1 The Committee agreed its approach to this piece of work.

