

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 25 November 2014**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 11.02**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar AM (Chair)
William Graham AM
Mike Hedges AM
Alun Ffred Jones AM
Julie Morgan AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Aled Roberts AM
Sandy Mewies AM

Witnesses:

Sian Davies, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Dyfed Wyn Edwards, Gwynedd Council
Chris Lee, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Neil Moore, Vale of Glamorgan Council
Andrew Morgan, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Committee Staff:

Michael Kay (Clerk)
Kath Thomas (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)
Alan Morris (Wales Audit Office)
Nick Selwyn (Wales Audit Office)

TRANSCRIPT

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee. There were no apologies.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 Meeting the Financial Challenges Facing Local Government in Wales: Letter from the Minister for Public Services (6 November 2014)

2.2 NHS Wales Health Board's Governance: Letter from Dr Andrew Goodall (10 November 2014)

2.3 Welsh Government Consolidated Annual Accounts 2013–14: Letter from Sir Derek Jones (14 November 2014)

2.4 Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Letter from Dr Andrew Goodall (18 November 2014)

2.5 Wales Audit Office: Letter from Jocelyn Davies AM (18 November 2014)

3 Meeting the Financial Challenges Facing Local Government in Wales

3.1 The Committee scrutinised Councillor Dyfed Wyn Edwards, Leader Gwynedd Council, Councillor Andrew Morgan, Leader Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Christopher Lee, Group Director, Corporate and Frontline Services Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Councillor Neil Moore, Leader Vale of Glamorgan Council and Sian Davies, Managing Director Vale of Glamorgan Council, on meeting the financial challenges facing local government.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Meeting the Financial Challenges Facing Local Government in Wales: Consideration of evidence received

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received and agreed that the Chair would write, drawing a number of issues raised during the meeting to the attention of the Welsh Government.

5.2 The Wales Audit Office will provide a note on the National Audit Office's recent report on the Financial Sustainability of [English] Local Authorities 2014.