

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 12 June 2012**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts

Witnesses:

Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Dave Thomas, Wales Audit Office
Tracey Davies, Performance Audit Manager, Wales Audit Office
Gillian Body, Assistant Auditor General, Wales Audit Office
Ian Hughes, Compliance Manager, Wales Audit Office

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 Lindsay Whittle.

2. Advice from the Auditor General for Wales on correspondence on Maternity Services in Wales

2.1 The Committee received a briefing from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales; Dave Thomas, Director of Health and Social Care; and Tracey Davies, Performance Audit Manager.

Action point:

The Auditor General for Wales agreed to provide:

- Further information on the caesarean rates of health boards in Wales compared to those in other regions and nations of the UK, including the most recently available data.

3. Papers to note

3.1 The Committee ratified the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

Item 5 to 9.

5. Options for handling correspondence on Maternity Services in Wales

5.1 The Committee discussed options for handling the advice from the Auditor General for Wales on Maternity Services, and determined that they would undertake a short inquiry into certain issues of concern highlighted by his correspondence.

6. Briefing from the Auditor General for Wales on Powys Fadog – Sale of the River Lodge Hotel

6.1 The Committee received a private briefing from Gillian Body, Assistant Auditor General – Performance Audit and Ian Hughes, Compliance Manager, on the forthcoming report *The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen*.

7. Options for handling Powys Fadog – Sale of the River Lodge Hotel

7.1 The Committee agreed to undertake a short inquiry into the findings of the Wales Audit Office report *The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen* and requested that the Clerk compile a list of potential witnesses to provide evidence.

8. Discussion on future Committee business and work programme for summer 2012

8.1 The Committee discussed its work programme for the summer term 2012.

9. Consideration of visit to Northern Ireland Assembly

9.1 The Committee discussed and agreed proposals to visit the Northern Ireland Assembly on 12–13 September 2012, to discuss best practice with its Public Accounts Committee.