

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 5 February 2013**

Meeting time: **09: – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn R Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Jocelyn Davies
Andrew RT Davies (Chair)

Witnesses:

David Rees, Wales Audit Office
Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Emma Giles, Performance Specialist, Wales Audit Office
Alan Morris, Wales Audit Office
Anthony Barrett, Wales Audit Office Partner, 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.

2. Briefing in the Wales Audit Office report on Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board

2.1 The Chair welcomed Anthony Barrett, Assistant Auditor General and David Rees, Wales Audit Office Governance Manager.

Action points:

The Wales Audit Office was asked to provide:

- A note with additional information on the attendance of appointed members to the Drainage Board's meetings (separated into Local Authorities' Members and Officers).
- A note with information on the past membership of the Drainage Board.

3. Briefing from the Auditor General for Wales on the Wales Audit Office report Operations of the Forestry Commission Wales Follow-up Report

3.1 The Chair welcomed Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Alan Morris, Group Director Performance Audit and Emma Giles, Performance Specialist.

4. Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

Items 6 to 7.

6. Options for handling Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board

6.1 The Committee discussed options for handling issues arising from the Wales Audit Office's report on the 'Audit of Accounts 2010-2011: Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board.'

Action point:

The Committee instructed its clerking team to prepare a scoping paper for a short inquiry into issues raised by the Wales Audit Office's report on the 'Audit of Accounts 2010-2011: Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board.'

7. Options for handling Operations of the Forestry Commission Wales Follow-up Report

7.1 The Committee discussed issues raised by the Wales Audit Office's report: Operations Forestry Commission Wales Follow-up Report.

Action Points

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

The Committee resolved to request a written update from the Chief Executive of Natural Resources Wales on the implementation of a recommendation previously made by the third Assembly's Public Accounts Committee regarding community involvement in decision making.

TRANSCRIPT

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