

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 4 October 2011**

Meeting time: **09: - 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
Leanne Wood

Witnesses:

Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Dave Thomas, Wales Audit Office
Ruth Marks, Older People's Commissioner for Wales
Rebecca Stafford, Policy Officer, Older People's Commissioner
Sarah Stone, Deputy Older People's Commissioner for Wales

Committee Staff:

Bethan Webber (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

1. Apologies and substitutions

2. Issues of Governance and accountability in relation to the Auditor General for Wales

2.1 The Committee established a Task and Finish Group under Standing Order 17.17 to consider issues of governance and accountability in relation to the Auditor General for Wales (AGW).

2.2 The Committee agreed that the remit of that Task and Finish Group is to advise the Assembly on the appointment of auditors to the accounts of the AGW; consider the annual estimate and accounts of the AGW; consider matters relating to governance and accountability of the AGW; consider matters relating to the nomination for appointment of an AGW; consider other matters remitted to it by the Public Accounts Committee.

2.3 The Committee agreed that the duration of the Task and Finish Group is for the 2011/2012 Assembly year and that it will cease to exist on 20 July 2012.

2.4 The Committee agreed that the membership of the Task and Finish Group comprises Darren Millar AM, Mike Hedges AM, Aled Roberts AM, and Leanne Wood AM. The Committee elected Darren Millar as Chair, although the role would be rotated.

3. Hospital Catering and Patients Nutrition Report from the Wales Audit Office.

3.1 The Committee welcomed Ruth Marks, Older People's Commissioner for Wales; Sarah Stone, Deputy Older People's Commissioner for Wales; and Rebecca Stafford, Policy Officer.

3.2 The Committee also welcomed Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales and Dave Thomas, Wales Audit Office.

3.3 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Older People's Commissioner agreed to provide:

- Further information on the findings of the Dignified Care report.
- Results of the evaluation of the Robin scheme in North Wales.
- Further information on good practice being implemented by hospitals, in particular the Housekeeper model.

The Auditor General for Wales agreed to provide:

- A digest of good practice.

PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the meeting for items 4 and 5 in accordance with Standing Order 17.42(vi).