

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 9 June 2015**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 10.41**

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Wales



Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar AM (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Mike Hedges AM
Sandy Mewies AM
Julie Morgan AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Aled Roberts AM

Witnesses:

Committee Staff:

Michael Kay (Clerk)
Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Varney–Jackson (Legal Adviser)
Andrew Minnis (Researcher)
Stephen Martin (Wales Audit Office)
Jeremy Morgan (Wales Audit Office)
Matthew Mortlock (Wales Audit Office)
Dave Thomas (Wales Audit Office)
Huw Vaughan Thomas (Auditor General for Wales)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Jocelyn Davies. There was no substitute.
- 1.3 Following the election of Members to Committee in plenary on 2 June, the Chair thanked William Graham for his contribution to the Committee and welcomed Mohammad Asghar on his return to the Committee.
- 1.4 Sandy Mewies declared an interest as a Member of the Assembly Commission (item 2.1).

2 Papers to note

- 2.1 The papers were noted.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed to return to the issue of the Assembly Commission budget when it scrutinises its annual accounts in the autumn term.

2.1 Scrutiny of Commissioners' Accounts 2013–14: Letter from the Deputy Presiding Officer (1 June 2015)

3 Inquiry into value for money of Motorway and Trunk Road Investment: Consideration of draft Report

- 3.1 Members considered and agreed the draft report subject to a few minor amendments. The Report will be published later this month.

4 NHS Wales Health Board's Governance

- 4.1 Members noted the letter from Dr Peter Higson (4 June) regarding the deferment of sending the Report on the escalation status of BCUHB to the Committee and the announcement by the Minister for Health and Social Services (8 June) that the Health Board has been placed in special measures as part of the NHS Wales Escalation Framework.

5 National Framework for Continuing NHS Healthcare: Consideration of the Welsh Government response to the Committee Report

- 5.1 Members noted the Welsh Government response and the Auditor General's remarks to the Committee Report.
- 5.2 Members agreed that the Chair should write to the Welsh Government seeking clarification regarding recommendations 1, 3, 7 and 8.

6 Glastir: Consideration of Welsh Government response to the Committee Report

6.1 Members noted the Welsh Government response and the Auditor General's remarks to the Committee Report.

6.2 Members agreed that the Chair should write to the Welsh Government seeking further clarification of the government's response to the Report recommendations.

7 Welsh Government Investment in Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure

7.1 The Auditor General gave the Committee an oral briefing on his recent report.

7.2 Members agreed to undertake a short inquiry into this topic.

8 Forward Work programme: Auditor General for Wales' 2015–16 work programme

8.1 The Auditor General discussed his proposed work programme with the Committee and welcomed the suggestions and priority areas Members highlighted.