

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 8 November 2011**

Meeting time: **09:15 – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Andrew RT Davies (Chair) (In place of Darren Millar)
Mohammad Asghar
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Leanne Wood

Witnesses:

David Sissling, Welsh Government
Andrew Walker, Head of Capital, Estates and Facilities
Jean White, Chief Nursing Officer/Nurse Director for NHS Wales
Dave Thomas, Wales Audit Office
Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Sarah Beasley (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

1. Motion to elect Temporary Chair

1.1 The Clerk requested nominations for a temporary Committee Chair under Standing Order 17.22. Mohammad Asghar nominated Andrew RT Davies, who was duly elected.

2. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 The Temporary Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2.2 Apologies had been received from Darren Millar, for whom Andrew RT Davies was substituting.

2.3 Members wished to convey their best wishes to Darren Millar and hoped that he have a speedy recovery.

3. Consideration of the amended Estimate of Income and Expenses of the office of the Auditor General for the year ending 31 March 2013

3.1 The Chair welcomed Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales and Dave Thomas, Assistant Auditor General.

3.2 The Committee agreed the amended estimate of income and expenses of the office of the Auditor General for the year ending 31 March 2013.

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

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

5. Consideration of Draft report on the Estimate of the Income and Expenses of the office of Auditor General for the year ending 31 March 2013

5.1 The Committee commented on its draft report on the Estimate of the Income and Expenses of the office of Auditor General for the year ending 31 March 2013. The Committee would agree the amended report via email.

6. Hospital Catering and Patient Nutrition: Evidence from the Chief Executive of NHS Wales

6.1 The Committee welcomed David Sissling, Director General, Health Social Services and Children; Jean White, Chief Nursing Officer/Nurse Director for NHS Wales; and Andrew Walker, Head of Capital, Estates and Facilities.

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

6.3 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Welsh Government agreed to provide:

- Further details on how hospitals are complying with the necessary food hygiene standards, including the number of general hospitals which have been marked below a satisfactory hygiene grade over the last five years.
- An update on the re-inspection and re-rating of hygiene standards at Whitchurch Hospital, highlighting details of any progress.

7. Papers to note

7.1 The Committee ratified the minutes of the meeting on 18 October 2011.