

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 15 October 2013**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 10:34**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

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

Witnesses:

Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Stephen Martin, Wales Audit Office
Meilyr Rowlands, Estyn
Gillian Body, Assistant Auditor General, Wales Audit Office
Paul Dimblebee, Group Director – Performance Audit, WAO

Committee Staff:

Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

2 Covering Teachers' Absence: Briefing from the Wales Audit Office

2.1 The Committee received a briefing from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, on The Wales Audit Office Report 'Covering Teachers' Absence'. The Auditor General was accompanied by Stephen Martin from the WAO and Meilyr Rowlands from Estyn. The briefing was supplemented by questioning from the Committee.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Covering Teachers' Absence: Members' consideration of issues raised by the Wales Audit Office Report

5.1 The Committee agreed to undertake a short inquiry into 'Covering Teachers' Absence'.

6 Grants Management in Wales: Consideration of advice from the Auditor General Wales

6.1 The Committee noted the correspondence and agreed to review the position upon publication of the Welsh Government's annual report on Grants Management, expected in December 2013.

7 Civil Emergencies in Wales: Consideration of advice from the Auditor General Wales

7.1 The Committee noted the correspondence and agreed that the Clerk would write to the Welsh Government seeking clarification on the issues raised in his advice.

8 The Welsh Government's acquisition and action to dispose of the former River Lodge Hotel, Llangollen: Consideration of advice from Wales Audit Office

8.1 The Committee noted the correspondence and the WAO's intention to monitor how the Welsh Government updates and clarifies progress with implementing the Committee's recommendations.