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Dear Mr Isherwood

Timeline for update of Managing Welsh Public Money

Please find an update on the timeline for updating Managing Welsh Public Money. This was raised as Recommendation 20 in PAPAC's Scrutiny of Accounts Report for the Welsh Government 2021-22.

The original recommendation and our original response is below.

Recommendation 20:

The Welsh Government should provide information to the Committee about the timetable for updating Managing Welsh Public Money, along with an indication of when it is expected to be published.

Accept:

Welsh Government is aware of the importance of Managing Welsh Public Money and the need for it to be updated. However, it is a lengthy and complex document where much of the underlying guidance has changed significantly over the last few years. We are currently considering the resourcing implications and will provide the Committee with a further update before the summer recess.

Update – July 2024

We have very recently identified resource to support the team in undertaking the update to Managing Welsh Public Money. This piece of work is in its initial planning stage and we will provide the Committee with a more detailed timetable for the update to MWPM in September 2024.



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Update – September 2024

Given the resourcing implications we have previously noted we are currently working with the new Director of Finance to identify those essential elements within Managing Welsh Public Money that require an immediate update and these will be prioritised. As chapters get updated in MWPM they will be issued. In a slightly slower timeframe, we will undertake a comprehensive review of the entire document. We hope this piece of work will be completed by December 2025.

*Yours,
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