

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Tuesday, 28 March 2017

Meeting time: 09.09 – 10.53

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Mike Hedges AM Neil McEvoy AM Rhianon Passmore AM Mark Reckless AM (In place of Neil Hamilton AM) Lee Waters AM
Witnesses:	Dr Emyr Roberts, Natural Resources Wales Kevin Ingram, Natural Resources Wales
Wales Audit Office:	Huw Vaughan Thomas – Auditor General for Wales Derwyn Owen David Rees
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)



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1 Natural Resources Wales: Briefing Session with Natural Resources Wales

1.1 The Committee received a briefing from Natural Resources Wales and discussed on-going confidential issues.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the Committee.

1.2 Apologies were received from Neil Hamilton AM. Mark Reckless AM substituted.

1.3 Mark Reckless AM declared an interest as Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee.

3 Natural Resources Wales: Scrutiny of Annual Accounts 2015–16

3.1 The Committee scrutinised Dr Emyr Roberts, Chief Executive and Kevin Ingram, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services at Natural Resources Wales on Natural Resources Wales Annual Accounts 2015-16.

3.2 Dr Roberts agreed to:

- Provide an explanation as to the variation in price paid for timber in Wales together with current market prices
- Provide the cost of legal advice in relation to the Auditor General's Report
- Prepare a note on the good practice adopted by NRW in managing staff sickness

3.3 In addition, the Committee identified that it would like to have sight of the forthcoming report from NRW's Internal Audit and Risk Assurance Manager on the review of management risks together with a copy of the Business Case prepared for the contract to respond to the spread of the P ramorum tree disease.

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 Natural Resources Wales: Consideration of evidence received

5.1 Members considered the evidence received.