

Y Pwyllgor Cyfrifon Cyhoeddus

Lleoliad:
Ystafell Bwyllgora 3 – y Senedd

Dyddiad:
Dydd Mawrth, 26 Chwefror 2013

Amser:
09:00

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Agenda

1. Cyflwyniad, ymddiheuriadau a dirprwyon

2. Papurau i'w nodi (Tudalennau 1 – 7)

PAC(4) 06–13 – Papur 1 – Gohebiaeth gan y Cadeirydd at y Llywydd ynghylch amserlen y Pwyllgor

PAC(4) 06–13 – Papur 2 – Gohebiaeth gan y Llywydd at y Cadeirydd ynghylch amserlen y Pwyllgor

PAC(4) 06–13 – Papur 3 – Ymateb i'r pwyntiau gweithredu gan Swyddfa'r Cabinet

PAC(4) 05–13 – Cofnodion – Cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf

3. Cynnig o dan Reol Sefydlog 17.42 i benderfynu gwahardd y cyhoedd o'r cyfarfod ar gyfer y canlynol:

Eitemau 4 a 5.

4. Trafod amserlen y Pwyllgor (9:05 – 9:15)

5. Ystyried adroddiad drafft y Pwyllgor ar broses gaffael Llywodraeth Cymru a'r camau a gymerwyd ganddi i waredu hen Westy River Lodge, Llangollen (9:15 – 11:00) (Tudalennau 8 – 90)

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Public Accounts Committee

Rosemary Butler AM
Presiding Officer
Chair, Business Committee
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18 February 2013

Dear Presiding Officer

Thank you for your recent correspondence of 30 January, regarding a potential revision to the Committee timetable. As you are aware, in my previous correspondence of 14 February, I indicated that I would provide you with correspondence outlining the views of the Committee as a whole on the potential revision of the Committee timetable. I have detailed these below.

Members appreciate that revising the timetable as detailed in Presiding Officer's correspondence would have significant implications for other committees. On balance, Members' do not consider that the additional time the timetable revision would make available to the Public Accounts Committee merit these implications.

Members were concerned that the Public Accounts Committee should have adequate timetabled meeting slots to effectively conduct its business, and that it should be treated with equality to other scrutiny committees.

Members are grateful to the Business Committee for previously seeking to accommodate it with additional time on Monday afternoons. Without this intervention, the Public Accounts Committee would have experienced significant difficulties in managing its workload during the 2012 autumn term. During this term, the Committee considered the Public Audit Wales Bill, the Auditor General's budgetary estimates for 2013-2014, the Auditor General's accounts, and conducted a number of high profile inquiries into issues raised by Wales Audit Office reports. However, this arrangement has inevitably had practical implications for Members' constituency business, and Members do not consider it to be a practical long term solution.

Members are aware that in response to the Presiding Officer's correspondence, the Finance Committee has suggested that the Public

Accounts Committee could utilise its spare Thursday meeting slots (i.e. those outside budget periods).

Members note that this proposal would currently cause one membership clash between it and the Health and Social Care committee. Accepting this drawback, Members consider that it would be valuable for it to accept the Finance Committee's gracious offer on a trial basis. This would enable the Public Accounts Committee (and indeed the Finance Committee) to gain a better understanding of the ramifications of such an arrangement.

The Public Accounts Committee would therefore be grateful if Business Committee could make provision for it to be able to:

- **continue to meet every week on a Tuesday morning; and**
- **on a trial basis, to meet fortnightly on a Thursday, using the Finance Committee's spare slots.**

Members also discussed that if other Committees determined that they did not require all of their available slots in a particular term (for example some Wednesday mornings), then ad-hoc dialogue could take place between Chairs to enable such slots to be offered to the Public Accounts Committee.

I am very grateful to all Members of the Public Accounts Committee for their contributions to this correspondence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren Millar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darren Millar AM
Chair of the Public Accounts Committee



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20 February 2013

Dear Darren

Thank you for your letters of 14 and 18 February regarding the Committee timetable. The Business Committee considered your response, alongside that of the other committees at its meeting on 19 February.

Having taken into account the responses received from all committees, we agreed that the Public Accounts Committee should continue to be allocated time to meet every week on a Tuesday morning and on alternate Thursdays, using the slots allocated to the Finance Committee which they will not require for the summer term. We are pleased to note that you and the Committee supported this approach on a trial basis.

Rosemary

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19 February 2013

Dear Mr Miller,

Re: Civil Emergencies in Wales

I was grateful for the chance to appear before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday afternoon to give evidence on behalf of the Cabinet Office on Civil Emergencies in Wales. You will recall that I promised to write to the Committee on the question of whether statutory guidance proscribed Category 2 responders, or indeed those with no duties under the Civil Contingencies Act (2004), from chairing working groups of the Local Resilience Forum. I know this is a subject you returned to later in the day and you were assured by Gavin Macho and Anne Evans that there was no such restriction. They were indeed correct.

Emergency Preparedness, the statutory guidance supporting the Act, is clear that the governance of the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) and the membership of its groups and sub-groups is a matter for agreement by the Chief Officer Group of the forum and Regulation 4(4) states that cooperation "shall take such form as may be agreed between the relevant responders". Indeed, the regulations were amended in April 2012 to enable a greater degree of flexibility in the ways in which responders might work together to ensure that Category 2 responders, in particular, were able to fulfil their duties in the most efficient and effective way.

Members of the LRF can agree their own means of facilitating communication at the right level. Most cooperation will be informal, routine, day-to-day liaison. Working groups are, however, an important part of the LRF, and these more formal methods of co-operation and information-sharing can be agreed at local level and may be supported by protocols which may or may not be legally binding, depending on the precise nature of the agreement.

I hope you will find this information useful. I should, of course, be pleased to provide any further information you may need.

A copy of this letter goes to June Milligan, Director General for Local Government and Communities at the Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Scott
Director

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Lleoliad: **Ystafell Bwyllgora 3 – y Senedd**

Dyddiad: **Dydd Llun, 18 Chwefror 2013**

Amser: **14: – 18:00**

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1. Cyflwyniad, ymddiheuriadau a dirprwyon

- 1.1 Croesawodd y Cadeirydd yr Aelodau a'r cyhoedd i'r cyfarfod.
- 1.2 Cafwyd ymddiheuriadau gan Mohammad Asghar.
- 1.3 Cafodd y Cadeirydd ymddiheuriadau gan Archwilydd Cyffredinol Cymru hefyd.

2. Argyfyngau Sifil yng Nghymru – Tystiolaeth gan Lywodraeth Cymru a Swyddfa'r Cabinet

2.1 Croesawodd y Cadeirydd June Milligan, Cyfarwyddwr Cyffredinol, Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau, Llywodraeth Cymru; Alyson Francis, Dirprwy Bennaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol, Llywodraeth Cymru; Wyn Price, Pennaeth Argyfyngau, Llywodraeth Cymru; a Christina Scott, Cyfarwyddwr, Ysgrifenyddiaeth Argyfyngau Sifil Posibl, Swyddfa'r Cabinet.

2.2 Holodd yr Aelodau'r tystion.

Camau i'w cymryd:

Cytunodd Llywodraeth Cymru a Swyddfa'r Cabinet i ddarparu:

- Nodyn yn amlinellu manylion ad-daliadau ariannol a wnaed i awdurdodau lleol i dalu costau yn sgil argyfyngau mawr, gan gynnwys ad-daliadau a wnaed i Gyngor Abertawe yn dilyn y tân teiars yn Fforestfach.
- Rhagor o wybodaeth ynghylch a oes rheolau penodedig yn y Ddeddf Argyfyngau Sifil Posibl sy'n rhwystro ymatebwyr categori dau neu asiantaethau gwirfoddol rhag cadeirio gweithgorau.

3. Argyfyngau Sifil yng Nghymru – Tystiolaeth ynghylch y safbwynt lleol

3.1 Croesawodd y Cadeirydd Simon Wilkinson, Swyddog Polisi Gwasanaethau Rheoleiddio, Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru; Gavin Macho, Rheolwr Cynllunio ar gyfer Argyfyngau, Cyngor Caerdydd; Anne Evans, Cydgysylltydd Cydnerth Lleol, Fforwm Lleol Cymru Gydnerth y Gogledd Ysgrifenyddiaeth; a'r Uwcharolygydd Claire Parmenter, Cydgysylltydd Gwasanaethau Brys Argyfyngau Sifil Cymru, Cyd-grŵp Gwasanaethau Brys.

3.2 Holodd yr Aelodau'r tystion.

4. Argyfyngau Sifil yng Nghymru – Tystiolaeth gan y sector gwirfoddol

4.1 Croesawodd y Cadeirydd Rhodri Jones, Cynghorydd Gweithrediadau, St John Cymru, a James Shaughnessy, Cyfarwyddwr Gweithrediadau, St John Cymru.

4.2 Holodd y Pwyllgor y tystion.

5. Papurau i'w nodi

5.1 Nododd yr Aelodau gofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf.

6. Cynnig o dan Reol Sefydlog 17.42 i benderfynu gwahardd y cyhoedd o'r cyfarfod ar gyfer y canlynol:

7. Trafod y dystiolaeth ar Argyfyngau Sifil yng Nghymru

7.1 Trafododd y Pwyllgor y dystiolaeth a gyflwynwyd iddo ar argyfyngau sifil yng Nghymru a rhoddodd gyfarwyddyd i'r Clerc baratoi adroddiad drafft ar sail y drafodaeth.

7.2 Trafododd y Pwyllgor ei raglen waith a'i amserlen hefyd a chytunodd i ysgrifennu at y Llywydd ynghylch ei amserlen.

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Yn rhinwedd paragraff(au) vi o Reol Sefydlog 17.42

Mae cyfyngiadau ar y ddogfen hon