

Draft Public Accounts Committee Forward Work Programme:
Summer term 2013¹

Thursday 18 April (9:30-12:30)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Consideration of advice from the Auditor General for Wales on issues arising from the Committee's report 'Progress in delivering the Welsh Housing Quality Standard'**
 - a. Members' consideration of advice
- 3. Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services**
 - a. Welsh Government- Michael Hearty and Value Wales
 - b. NHS Shared Services partnership
- 4. Motion to go into private session**
- 5. Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence

Tuesday 23 April (9:00-11:00)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. The Consultant Contract in Wales**
 - a. Adam Cairns, Chief Executive, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and Janet Wilkinson, Director of Workforce, Hywel Dda
- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. The Consultant Contract in Wales**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence
- 5. Grants Management**
 - a. Members' consideration of draft report

¹ Explanatory note from Clerk- in line with the PAC's discussions on the use of Thursdays, a meeting has generally been scheduled on approximately the third Thursday of each calendar month. Where possible, Thursday meetings have been scheduled to:

- enable the Committee to make effective progress with work;
- avoid clashes with the Finance Committee;
- minimise potential membership clashes with the Smoking Regulations committee; and
- minimise the impact of membership clashes with the Health and Social Care Committee.

Tuesday 30 April (9:00-11:00)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Correspondence from Business Committee**
- 3. Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services**
 - a. John House, Chief Executive Cardiff County Council
- 4. Motion to go into private session (including meeting of 7 May)**
- 5. Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence
- 6. Grants Management**
 - a. Members' consideration of final report

Tuesday 7 May (9:00-11:00)

PRIVATE MEETING

- 1. Consideration of correspondence from Wales Audit Office on the Welsh Government's subsidy of the North/South Wales Air link**
- 2. Consideration of support for Committee**
- 3. Consideration of potential work to seek updates on implementation of recommendations of previous Committee reports**
- 4. Forward Work Programme**
 - a. Members' consideration of Forward Work Programme
- 5. Grants Management- Final Report**
 - a. Members' consideration of draft report

Thursday 16 May (9:00-13:00)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report**
 - a. Welsh Government (9:00-10:00)
 - b. Natural Resources Wales (10:00-10:50)
 - c. General Manager of Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board and Association of Drainage Boards (10:55-11:45)
 - d. Former Clerk and Engineer of Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board (11:45-12:35)

- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence (12:35-13:00)

Tuesday 21 May (9:00-11:00)

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Advice from the AGW on WG responses to PAC reports 'Health Finances' and 'Maternity Services in Wales' (9:05 – 9:10)**
- 3. Papers to note**
- 4. Motion to go into private session**
- 5. Potential opportunity for briefing on legal issues associated with River Lodge Hotel report, prior to report's publication (9:10-9:25)**
- 6. Civil Emergencies**
 - a. Members' consideration of draft report (9:30-11:00)

Thursday 6 June²

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Update from Welsh Government on implementation of recommendations in Public Accounts Committee report: Hospital Catering (14:00-15:00)**
- 3. Update from Welsh Government on implementation of recommendations in Public Accounts Committee report: A Picture of Public Services 2011 (15:00-16:00)**
- 4. Update from Welsh Government on implementation of recommendations in 3rd Assembly Public Accounts Committee report: Capital Investment in Schools (16:00-17:00)**
- 5. Motion to go into private session**
- 6. Members' consideration of updates from Welsh Government on implementation of recommendations from previous Committee reports (17:00-17:30)**

Tuesday 11 June

² Obviously, this is not the third Thursday of June. However, use of this date (rather than 20 June) is likely to minimise impact of a membership clash with the Health and Social Care Committee.

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report**
 - a. Audit Commission (9:00- 9:30)
 - b. Wales Audit Office (9:30- 10:00)
- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence (10:00-10:20)
- 5. Civil Emergencies**
 - a. Members' consideration of final report (10:20-11:00)

Tuesday 18 June

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report**
 - a. James Harris, Former Board Member of Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels IDB (9:00 – 9:50)
- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot & Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage report**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence (9:50-10:00)
- 5. Appointment of non-executive Members and Chair of Wales Audit Office**
 - a. Members' consideration of options paper and draft job adverts (10:00-10:20)
- 6. Local Audit and Accountability Bill: Consideration of Legislative Consent Memorandum (10:20 – 11:00)**

Thursday 20 June- Publication of Grants Management report

Tuesday 25 June

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Progress in delivering the WHQS**
 - a. Update from Welsh Government (9:00-10:00)
- 3. Briefing from Wales Audit Office on Continuing Healthcare (10:00-10:40)**

- 4. Motion to go into private session**
- 5. Progress in delivering the WHQS**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence (10:40-10:50)
- 6. Briefing from Wales Audit Office on Continuing Healthcare**
 - a. Members' consideration of potential action arising from briefing

Monday 1 July

Visit to House of Commons' Public Accounts Committee

Tuesday 2 July

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Briefing from Wales Audit Office on forthcoming report (9:00-10:00)**
- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. Members consideration of potential action arising from briefing (10:00-10:10)**
- 5. The procurement and management of consultancy services**
 - a. Members' consideration of draft report (10:10-11:00)

Tuesday 9 July

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Briefing from Wales Audit Office on forthcoming report (9:00-9:50)**
- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. Members consideration of potential action arising from briefing (9:50-10:00)**
- 5. The procurement and management of consultancy services**
 - a. Members' consideration of final report (10:00-10:15)
- 6. The consultant contract in Wales**
 - a. Members' consideration of draft report (10:15-11:00)

Thursday 20 July- Possible meeting in North Wales (tbc)

- 1. Introductions**

- 2. Possible evidence sessions arising from forthcoming Wales Audit Office reports**
- 3. Motion to go into private session**
- 4. Evidence sessions arising from forthcoming Wales Audit Office reports**
 - a. Members' consideration of evidence**
- 5. The consultant contract in Wales**
 - a. Members' consideration of final report (10:00-11:00)**
- 6. Scoping Paper for future one-day-inquiry into senior officials pay**

Other anticipated activity before end of 2013

- One day inquiry into senior officials' pay
- Appointment of non-executive Members and Chair of WAO board

Anticipated Publication of Committee reports:

Inquiry	Evidence Sessions	Committee's consideration of draft report	Approximate publication
River Lodge Hotel	Completed	Completed	Late May (delayed due to legal concerns)
Grants Management	Completed	23 April-7 May	20 June
Civil Emergencies	Completed	Late May- Early June	Early July
The Consultant Contract in Wales	23 April	Early July	Summer Recess
Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services	18 April -30 April	Early July	Summer Recess
Issues arising from findings of WAO report on Caldicot and Wentlooge Internal Levels Drainage Board	16 May-18 June	Autumn Term	Autumn Term