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Minutes from the Welsh Revenue Authority (WRA) Board meeting held on 18 June 2020.

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## Present

## Members

- Kathryn Bishop, Chair
- Dyfed Edwards, Deputy Chair
- David Jones, Non-Executive
- Jocelyn Davies, Non-Executive
- Lakshmi Narain, Non-Executive
- Dyfed Alsop, Executive Member
- Sam Cairns, Executive Member
- Rebecca Godfrey, Executive Member
- Lucy Robinson, Staff Elected Member

## Ymgynghorwyr

- Joanna Ryder, Chief of Staff
- Melissa Quignon-Finch, Chief People Officer
- Kate Innes, Interim Chief Finance Officer
- Jim Scopes, Interim Chief Strategy Officer
- Catrin Durie, Head of Communications
- Amy Bowden, Interim Head of Legal
- Anna Adams, Deputy Director of Tax Strategy, Policy and Engagement - Welsh Treasury

## Attendees

Rebecca Evans, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

## 1. Welcome and introductions, conflicts of Interest, apologies

1. The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies were received from Andrew Jeffreys Director, Welsh Treasury; Anna Adams would deputise.

## Chief Executive report and operational performance

Information redacted ([Footnote 1](#)).

## 3. Financial statements - WAO presentation (ISA 260 audit)

1. Members were reminded of the different approach that was being taken to the 2019-20 annual report and accounts as a result of the pandemic. It would

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be laid in assembly in two parts; the first being the financial statements at the end of June; and secondly the narrative that supports the annual accounts in the autumn. It was noted that this approach had been agreed by the Minister and shared with the Finance Committee and Public Accounts Committee.

2. The Board were presented with the financial statements and supporting documentation and informed that the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) had previously been through these documents in detail and were content. The Board took assurance from ARAC and were happy for the Chief Executive to sign off the report in his capacity as Accounting Officer.
3. Audit Wales presented the ISO 260 report. The audit work was now complete, but checks would continue up until the Auditor General had signed off the financial statements, as usual, to ensure there were no changes during that interim period. Audit Wales thanked WRA for their cooperation.
4. The ARAC chair assured the Board that all observations that had come out of the audits had been considered by the Committee and would be followed up in due course.
5. It was suggested that the Chief Executives foreword should note the impact of the flooding to QED but that as a result of the investment in the organisation's IT, the audit was able to be carried out remotely.
6. Audit Wales were thanked for their work and support.

## 4. Our approach to tax disputes

Information redacted ([Footnote 1](#)).

## 5. Any other business

1. No other business was raised.

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