

MORE THAN A VOICE OF DOOM

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*Audit and public sector austerity
in Wales*



*A land of Legend,
Of love and contrast.
A land of beauty so bright it burns the
eyes.
Of ugliness that scars the Spirit
As the Earth.*

Brian Harris, Welsh poet



"It is far better to foresee even without certainty than not to foresee at all. "

--Henri Poincare in *The Foundations of Science*

"Prophecy is a good line of business, but it is full of risks. "

--Mark Twain in *Following the Equator*



“Ignorance is always ready to admire itself. Procure yourself critical friends.”

- Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux



“Radical service reform is the sustainable solution to financial and demand pressures on public services. Doing things differently means taking risks.

Indeed, the pressures are such that not doing things differently might be a bigger risk”

-- Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, 2015



What more can we do to learn from each other?

What more can we do to help our audited bodies to learn from similar challenges across Europe?

