

# Finance Committee

## Minutes FIN(3)-05-10

**Date:** Wednesday 10 March 2010

**Time:** 09.20 - 11.10

**Venue:** Committee Room 3, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

### Assembly Members in Attendance

Angela Burns, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire (Chair)

Andrew Davies, Swansea West

Chris Franks, South Wales Central

Brian Gibbons, Aberavon

Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd

Nick Ramsay, Monmouth (for private session)

Janet Ryder, North Wales

### Committee Service

John Grimes, Clerk

Catherine Hunt, Deputy Clerk

### Others in Attendance

#### Item 2

Professor Philip Gummett, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

David Blaney, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

Richard Hirst, Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

Professor Noel Lloyd, Higher Education Wales

Greg Walker, Higher Education Wales

### 1. Apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Lorraine Barrett and Kirsty Williams. There were no substitutions.

2. Inquiry into the Funding of Post 16, Further and Higher Education - Further Evidence from the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales and Higher Education Wales

### Papers:

FIN(3)-05-10(p1)

FIN(3)-05-10(p3) - Additional information from HEW

2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee.

2.2 The witnesses agreed to provide additional information as requested by the Committee.

### Action

The witnesses to provide the additional information requested by the Committee.

Prof Gummett would provide figures on the amount of additional money brought into the sector through collaboration with the private sector and between institutes.

Mr Hirst would provide details on the efficiency savings made by the higher education sector.

Mr Walker would provide details on the savings made through the collaboration projects and shared services arrangements outlined in the HEW paper.

**The Committee agreed that the remainder of the meeting would be held in private session under Standing Order 10.37**

### 3. Draft report on the Welsh Assembly Government Supplementary Budget 2009-10

3.1 The committee agreed the draft report subject to one amendment.

#### **4. Inquiry into the Funding of Post 16, Further and Higher Education - Consideration of Evidence**

4.1 The committee discussed the evidence it had received.

##### **Papers to note**

Assembly Commission Budget - Response to correspondence

Paper FIN(3)-05-10(p2)

Inquiry into the Funding of Post 16, Further and Higher Education - Further Evidence from the Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning

Paper FIN(3)-05-10(p4)

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February

Paper: FIN(3)-03-10(min)

##### **Committee Service**