Agenda - Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: For further information contact:

Video Conference via Zoom Owain Roberts

Meeting date: 10 November 2021 Committee Clerk

Meeting time: 09.30 0300 200 6388

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In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair has determined that the public are excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health. This meeting will be broadcast live on www.senedd.tv

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09:30)

2 Paper(s) to note

(09:30) (Pages 1 – 8)

Minutes of the meeting held on 8, 13 and 18 October 2021

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Update on Covid allocations – 14 October 2021

(Pages 9 – 13)

2.2 PTN 2 - Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Landfill Disposals Tax independent review - 14 October 2021

(Pages 14 – 15)

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Wales Governance Centre: Further information following on from Committee – 14 October 2021

(Pages 16 - 18)

2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Chair of the Remuneration Board to the Llywydd:

Members of the Senedd pension scheme – 19 October 2021

(Pages 19 - 21)



2.5 PTN 5 - Letter from the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report - 19 October 2021

(Pages 22 – 23)

2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Commissioner for Budget and Governance: Senedd Commission Engagement work – 19 October 2021

(Pages 24 - 25)

2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Welsh Government's 'Tax Policy Framework Update' and 'Tax Policy Work Plan for 2021–2026' – 3 November 2021

(Pages 26 - 29)

3 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Estimate 2022–23 and Interim Report: Evidence session

(09:30 – 10:30) (Pages 30 – 113)

Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales
Lindsay Foyster, Chair of the Wales Audit Office
Kevin Thomas, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Audit Wales

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)-09-21 P1- Estimate of Income and Expenses for Audit Wales for the year ended 31 March 2023

FIN(6)-09-21 P2 - Supporting information for the Estimate of Income and Expenses for Audit Wales for the year ended 31 March 2023

FIN(6)-09-21 P3 - Interim Report - An assessment of progress made against our 2021-22 Annual Plan during the period 1 April to 30 September 2021 FIN(6)-09-21 P4 - Letter from Audit Wales: Updates on the Travel & Subsistence review, and Five year Strategic Plan - 1 November 2021 Research Service brief

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the meeting on 19 November 2021.

(10:30)

5 Audit Wales - Scrutiny of the Estimate 2022-23 and Interim Report: Consideration of evidence

(10:30 - 10:45)

6 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) - Scrutiny of the Estimate 2022-23: Consideration of draft report

(10:45 – 11:15) (Pages 114 – 158)

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)-09-21 P5 - Letter from the PSOW: Estimates 2022/23 - 21 October 2021

FIN(6)-09-21 P6 - Revised Estimate 2022-23

FIN(6)-09-21 P7 - Draft report

Technical break (11:15 - 11:30)

7 Welsh Revenue Authority – Introductory session

(11:30 - 12:00)

Dyfed Alsop, Chief Executive, Welsh Revenue Authority
Sam Cairns, Chief Operating Officer, Welsh Revenue Authority
Melissa Quignon-Finch, Chief People Officer, Welsh Revenue Authority
Adam Al-Nuaimi, Head of Data Analysis, Welsh Revenue Authority

8 Oversight of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Terms and conditions of appointment

(12:00 – 12:10) (Pages 159 – 167)

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)-09-21 P8 - Terms and conditions of appointment

9 Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill: Consideration of approach

(12.10 – 12.20) (Pages 168 – 172)

Supporting documents:

Research Service paper