

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 10 November
2021

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Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.02

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Huw Irranca-Davies MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS)
Witnesses:	Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales Lindsay Foyster, Audit Wales Ann-Marie Harkin, Audit Wales Nicola Evans, Wales Audit Office Dyfed Alsop, Welsh Revenue Authority Sam Cairns, Welsh Revenue Authority Melissa Quignon-Finch, Welsh Revenue Authority Adam Al-Nuaimi, Welsh Revenue Authority
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk)



	Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)
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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

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Finance Committee.

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. Huw Irranca-Davies MS attended as a substitute.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1. The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Update on Covid allocations – 14 October 2021
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Landfill Disposals Tax independent review – 14 October 2021
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Wales Governance Centre: Further information following on from Committee – 14 October 2021
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Chair of the Remuneration Board to the Llywydd: Members of the Senedd pension scheme – 19 October 2021
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report – 19 October 2021
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Commissioner for Budget and Governance: Senedd Commission Engagement work – 19 October 2021
- 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

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

3.1 The Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Wales; Chair of the Wales Audit Office; and Audit Wales officials on scrutiny of the Estimate 2022–23 and Interim Report.

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.

4.1 The motion was agreed.

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

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence.

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

6.1 The Committee agreed the draft report with minor changes.

Technical break (11:15 – 11:30)

7 Welsh Revenue Authority – Introductory session

7.1 The Committee received a briefing from Dyfed Alsop, Chief Executive; Sam Cairns, Chief Operating Officer; Melissa Quignon-Finch, Chief People Officer; and Adam Al-Nuaimi, Head of Data Analysis of the Welsh Revenue Authority.

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

8.1 The Committee considered the paper.

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

9.1 The Committee considered the Research Service paper on the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill and agreed to take evidence on the financial implications of the Bill from the Minister for Education and the Welsh Language.