

## Agenda – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Video Conference via Zoom	Owain Roberts
Meeting date: 22 December 2021	Committee Clerk
Meeting time: 09.30	0300 200 6388
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### Private pre-meeting – Informal (09.15–09.30)

- 1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**  
(09.30)
- 2 Paper(s) to note**  
(09.30) (Pages 1 – 3)  
Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2021
- 3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23:  
Evidence session 1**  
(09.30–11.00) (Pages 4 – 14)  
Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government  
Andrew Jeffreys, Director, Treasury  
Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget & Government Business

Supporting documents:

[Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022 – 2023](#)

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**4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 5 and 7.**

(11.00)

**5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23:  
Consideration of evidence**

(11.00–11.15)

**BREAK (11.15–12.00)**

**Public**

**6 Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill: Evidence session 1**

(12.00–13.45)

(Pages 15 – 30)

Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government

Anna Adams, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy and Intergovernmental Relations  
Division

Andrew Hewitt, Head of Tax Legislation

Lynsey Edwards, Lawyer

**Supporting documents:**

[Welsh Tax Acts etc. \(Power to Modify\) Bill, as introduced](#) (PDF, 103KB)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#) (PDF, 1.2MB)

[Statement of policy intent](#) (PDF, 689KB)

[Draft statement on retrospection](#) (PDF, 329KB)

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## **7 Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

(13.45–14.00)

## Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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Video Conference via Zoom

on [Senedd TV](#) at:

Meeting date: Thursday, 16 December  
2021

<http://senedd.tv/en/12718>

Meeting time: 13.00 – 14.25

## Remote

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS
Witnesses:	Michelle Morris, preferred candidate for Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Owain Davies (Researcher) Catherine McKeag (Secretariat) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)



## **Private pre-meeting – Informal (12.45–13.00)**

### **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.

### **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Llywydd to the Minister for Finance and Local Government – The Valuation for Rating (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 – 25 November 2021

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly's Audit Committee: Consideration of Thresholds for In-Year Monitoring: Northern Ireland Assembly Commission – 29 November 2021

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee – Petition P-05-1078 Increase funding for mental health services and improve waiting times for people needing help in crisis. We need a change! – 2 December 2021

### **3 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Pre-nomination hearing**

3.1 The Committee conducted a Pre-nomination Hearing of the preferred candidate for the position of Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, Michelle Morris.

### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting.**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

## **5 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Consideration of pre-nomination hearing**

5.1 The Committee considered the appropriateness of the preferred candidate.

## **6 Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill – Approach to scrutiny**

6.1 The Committee agreed its approach to Stage 1 scrutiny of the Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill.

## **7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 – Citizens Engagement**

7.1 The Committee considered the consultation responses and a summary of its engagement work.

# Agenda Item 3

By virtue of paragraph(s) ix of Standing Order 17.42

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