

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 4 Ty Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 2 March 2022

Meeting time: 10.00 – 12.40

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Jack Sargeant MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS)
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Sharon Bounds, Welsh Government Emma Watkins, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser) Charlotte Barbour (Expert Adviser)



Private pre-meeting – Informal (09.45–10.00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. Jack Sargeant MS attended as a substitute.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee to the Minister for Social Justice: Future Generations Commissioner – 15 February 2022**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from Audit Wales: Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2022–23 – 15 February 2022**

2.3 **PTN 3 – Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee: Engagement with Children and Young People – 18 February 2022**

3 Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2021–22: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government; Sharon Bounds, Deputy Director Financial Controls; and Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget and Government Business on the Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2021–22.

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with the following information:

- An update on the changes to Welsh Government funding for the financial year 2021–22 included in the UK Supplementary Estimates 2021–22 and the impact on the funding available for the remainder of the year.
- An update on the healthcare service overspend that was written off in England and any Barnett consequentials received by the Welsh Government as a result.
- An update on funding allocation for health care professionals in the voluntary sector, in particular, hospices and unpaid carers.
- An update on the funding allocation for the new curriculum, in particular, the specific objectives of this funding.
- An update on the funding allocation for upgrading school buildings in relation to the provision of free school meals.
- An update on the formal evaluation commissioned by the Welsh Government on its business support schemes that were introduced during the COVID–19 pandemic.
- An update on modelling work being undertaken in relation to the future public sector pay bill.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the meeting on 11 March 2022.

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2021–22: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence.

6 Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill: Consideration of key issues

6.1 The Committee considered the key issues and agreed to revisit them at its meeting on 11 March.

7 Post-EU funding arrangements: Consideration of a scoping paper

7.1 The Committee considered the scoping paper and agreed to undertake an inquiry into Post-EU funding arrangements.