

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 11 May 2022

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Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.30

Remote

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS
Witnesses:	Dr Chris Llewelyn, Welsh Local Government Association Dr Tim Peppin, Welsh Local Government Association Ed Poole, Wales Governance Centre Guto Ifan, Wales Governance Centre David Phillips, Institute for Fiscal Studies Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales Lindsay Foyster, Audit Wales Kevin Thomas, Audit Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)



	Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)
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Private pre-meeting – Informal (09.15–09.30)

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 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23: Welsh Government response to the Finance Committee's report – 4 March 2022
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Financial Transactions Capital allocations – 28 February 2022
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Further information on issues raised during the session on the second supplementary budget – 23 March 2022
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2021–22: Welsh Government response to the Finance Committee's report – 26 April 2022
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response to the Finance Committee's report – 29 March 2022
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from PCS Union: Use of 'fire and rehire' by Welsh public sector bodies – 25 April 2022
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Budget Improvement Impact Advisory Group (BIAG) – 25 March 2022
- 2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Budget Improvement Impact Advisory Group (BIAG) – 27 April 2022
- 2.9 PTN 9 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Draft Public Audit (Amendment) Wales Bill – 3 March 2022
- 2.10 PTN 10 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Draft Public Audit (Amendment) (Wales) Bill – 6 April 2022
- 2.11 PTN 11 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Finance Inter-ministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) – 11 March 2022

- 2.12 PTN 12 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Finance Inter-ministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) – 5 April 2022
- 2.13 PTN 13 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales to the Chair of Local Government and Housing Committee: Casework trends and complaint handling practices of Local Authorities – 8 March 2022
- 2.14 PTN 14 – Letter from the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee: Annual scrutiny of the Future Generations Commissioner: update report – 11 April 2022
- 2.15 PTN 15 – Joint evidence from tourism industry bodies: Non Domestic Rating Order 2022 – 8 April 2022
- 2.16 PTN 16 – Letter from the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd: Use of the term BAME – 15 Feb 2022
- 2.17 PTN 17 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government – Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill – 22 April 2022
- 2.18 PTN 18 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Approach to the publication of supplementary budgets during 2022–23 – 4 May 2022

3 Post-EU funding arrangements: Evidence session 1

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Chris Llewelyn, Chief Executive, Welsh Local Government Association; and Tim Peppin, Director of Regeneration and Sustainable Development, Welsh Local Government Association on Post-EU funding arrangements.

Break (10.15–10.25)

4 Post-EU funding arrangements: Evidence session 2

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Dr Ed Poole, Senior Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis), Guto Ifan, Research Associate, Wales Governance Centre

(Wales Fiscal Analysis); and David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies on Post-EU funding arrangements.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the meeting on 18 May 2022.

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Post-EU funding arrangements: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence.

7 Audit Wales: Estate Strategy and Five Year Strategic Plan

7.1 Audit Wales officials provided the Committee with an update on Audit Wales's Estate Strategy and Five Year Strategic Plan.

8 First Supplementary Budget 2022–23: Directly Funded Bodies

8.1 The Committee considered the supplementary estimates of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; and the Senedd Commission. The Committee agreed to write to the Senedd Commission to request further information on its estimate.

9 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Stakeholder event

9.1 The Committee considered the paper on the stakeholder event.