

Agenda – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: Hybrid – Committee room 4 Ty Hywel and video conference via Zoom	For further information contact: Owain Roberts Committee Clerk 0300 200 6388 SeneddFinance@senedd.wales
Meeting date: 29 September 2022	
Meeting time: 09.30	

At its meeting on 22 September, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from the start of today's meeting.

Registration (09.15–09.30)

1 Consideration of Forward Work Programme

(09.30–09.45)

(Pages 1 – 10)

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–18–22 P1 – Forward Work Programme

2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Technical briefing:

Chief Economist

(09.45–10.15)

(Pages 11 – 14)

Jonathan Price, Chief Economist, Welsh Government

Supporting documents:

Research Service Brief

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Technical briefing:

Budget Improvement Plan

(10.15–10.45)

Matt Wellington, Head of Budget Policy & Delivery, Welsh Government



Supporting documents:

[Budget Improvement Plan](#) (PDF, 279KB)

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Technical briefing:

Gender Budgeting

(10.45–11.15)

Natasha Davies, Policy and Research Lead, Chwarae Teg

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Technical briefing:

Green Budgeting

(11.15–11.45)

Rhiannon Hardiman, Change Maker (Nature, Climate Change and Decarbonisation), Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Alex Chapman, Senior Researcher, New Economics Foundation

Break (11.45–12.00)

Public

6 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(12.00)

7 Paper(s) to note

(12.00)

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Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2022

8 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Pre–budget scrutiny

(12.00–13.00)

(Pages 20 – 26)

Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government

Andrew Jeffreys, Director, Treasury

Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget & Government Business

Supporting documents:

Research Service Brief

9 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 10 and 12

(13.00)

10 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Pre–budget scrutiny: Consideration of evidence

(13.00–13.10)

Public

11 Financial implications of the Environmental Protection (Single–use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill

(13.30 – 14.15)

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Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

Louise Clarke, Senior Single Use Product Manager

Richard Clark, Head of Local Environment Quality

Gian Marco Currado, Director, Environment & Marine

Supporting documents:

[The Environmental Protection \(Single–use Plastic Products\) \(Wales\) Bill](#) (PDF, 227KB)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#) (PDF, 1.5MB)

Research Service Brief

Private

12 Financial implications of the Environmental Protection (Single–use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

(14.15–14.25)

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Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee

room 5 Ty Hywel and video conference
via Zoom

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Meeting date: Thursday, 22 September
2022

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.56

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Ruth Glazzard, preferred candidate for Chair of the Welsh Revenue Authority Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales Lindsay Foyster, Audit Wales Kevin Thomas, Audit Wales Ann-Marie Harkin, Audit Wales Laurie Davies, Wales Audit Office
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk)



	Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (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 meeting of the Finance Committee.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Counsel General to LJC Committee: Inter–Ministerial Standing Committee – 12 July 2022**
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Statement of Principles for Directly Funded Bodies – 14 July 2022**
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Welsh Government's Finance Committee – 20 July 2022**
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Additional information from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: First Supplementary Budget 2022–23 – 26 July 2022**
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: Well–being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 consultation – 5 August 2022**
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Report on Outturn 2020–21 – 5 August 2022**
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Welsh Government response to First Supplementary budget 2022–23 report / EU Funding arrangements – 22 August 2022**
- 2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales to Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee: Complaints Standards work – 7 September 2022**

3 Pre–appointment hearing for Chair of the Welsh Revenue Authority

3.1 The Committee conducted a Pre–appointment Hearing of the Welsh Government's preferred candidate for the position of Chair of the Welsh Revenue Authority, Ruth Glazzard.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from from items 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11; and the start of the meeting on 29 September 2022

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Pre-appointment hearing for Chair of the Welsh Revenue Authority: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the appropriateness of the preferred candidate.

6 Post-EU funding arrangements: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee agreed the draft report with minor changes.

Public

7 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22 and the Annual Plan 2022–23: Evidence session

7.1 The Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Wales; Chair of the Wales Audit Office; and Audit Wales officials.

7.2 Audit Wales agreed to provide further details at the appropriate time on the actual costs for:

- the audit of the Welsh Government's 2020–21 accounts.

8 Audit Wales – Supplementary Estimate 2022–23: Evidence session

8.1 The Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Wales; Chair of the Wales Audit Office; and Audit Wales officials.

8.2 Audit Wales agreed to provide further details at the appropriate time on the actual costs for:

- dilapidations for Cathedral Rd.

Private

9 Audit Wales – Supplementary Estimate 2022–23: Consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed in principle to the funding request.

10 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22 and the Annual Plan 2022–23: Consideration of evidence

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

11 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Approach to budget scrutiny

11.1 The Committee considered the papers on the approach to budget scrutiny.

12 Financial implications of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill

12.1 The Committee considered the supporting documents and agreed to take evidence from the Minister for Climate Change on the Financial implications of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill.

Agenda Item 8

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

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