

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: Hybrid – Committee room 3, Senedd and video conference via Zoom

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 5 October 2022

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.57

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS
Witnesses:	Ken Skates MS, Commissioner Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Nia Morgan, Director of Finance
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher)

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.



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1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS.

1.3 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Peter Fox MS declared an interest under item 7, namely that he is a farmer and recipient of the single farm payment.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution regarding the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Pre-budget scrutiny – 28 September 2022

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: The Historic Environment (Wales) Bill – 30 September 2022

3 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2023–24: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Ken Skates MS, Commissioner for Budget and Governance; Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd; and Nia Morgan, Director of Finance on the Senedd Commission's Draft Budget 2023–24.

3.2 The Senedd Commission agreed:

- to provide a note on the identified projects for 2023–24 contained within the Commission's project fund.
- to circulate a guide to Senedd Members regarding the heating and ventilation system in Tŷ Hywel offices.

- to provide a note on the top-level priorities within the Commission's strategy for reducing its energy costs and carbon footprint.
- to provide a note on the Commission's eligibility for the Welsh Government's invest-to-save initiative.
- to provide a note on the Commission's staff structure.

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 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2023-24: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Financial implications of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill: Draft report

6.1 The Committee considered and agreed the report.

7 Financial implications of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill

7.1 The Committee considered the supporting documents and agreed to take evidence from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd on the Financial implications of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill.

8 Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill: Draft report

8.1 The Committee considered and agreed the report.

9 Review of the Budget Protocol

9.1 The Committee considered the paper on the Budget Protocol.