

Agenda – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: 13 September 2023

0300 200 6388

Meeting time: 09.30

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Registration (09.00–09.15)

Private Pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Paper(s) to note

(09.30)

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Minutes of the meetings held on 21 June, 28 June and 6 July.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill – Revised timelines – 30 June 2023

(Pages 11 – 14)

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government – Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee – 6 July 2023

(Pages 15 – 16)

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Welsh rates of Income Tax outturn statistics 2021–22 – 7 July 2023

(Pages 17 – 18)

2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: School budget overspends – 11 July 2023

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- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Financial information for Directly Funded Bodies to consider in their budget planning – 12 July 2023**
(Pages 20 – 21)
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee: Draft Budget 2024–25 timetable – 17 July 2023**
(Pages 22 – 23)
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill – 13 July 2023**
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- 2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from the First Minister to the Llywydd: Environmental Protection (Single–use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023 – 27 July 2023**
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- 2.9 PTN 9 – Scrutiny of the Welsh Government First Supplementary Budget 2023–24: Welsh Government response – 11 August 2023**
(Pages 26 – 33)
- 2.10 PTN 10 – Letter from the Chair of the Reform Bill Committee – 23 August 2023**
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- 2.11 PTN 11 – The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response – 1 September 2023**
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- 2.12 PTN 12 – Letter to the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Cost of living payment – 11 July 2023**
(Pages 42 – 43)
- 2.13 PTN 13 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Cost of living payment – 1 August 2023**
(Pages 44 – 45)

**2.14 PTN 14 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government –
Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee – 7 September 2023**
(Pages 46 – 47)

**2.15 PTN 15 – Letter from Audit Wales: Notification of audit deadlines – 3 August
2023**
(Pages 48 – 50)

**2.16 PTN 16 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government:
Evidence papers supporting the 2024–25 Draft Budget – 8 September 2023**
(Pages 51 – 52)

**3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the
public from items 4,5,7,8,9 and 10**
(09.30)

**4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – Technical briefing
with the Chief Economist**
(09.30–10.00) (Pages 53 – 68)
Jonathan Price, Chief Economist, Welsh Government
Julian Revell – Head of Fiscal Analysis, Welsh Government

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–13–23 P1 – Presentation slides

**5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – Technical briefing
with the Chief Economist: Consideration of evidence**
(10.00–10.15)

6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – Pre–budget scrutiny
(10.15–11.15) (Pages 69 – 79)
Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government
Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget & Government Business
Gawain Evans, Director of Finance

Supporting documents:

Research Service Brief

**7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 – Pre–budget scrutiny:
Consideration of evidence**

(11.15–11.30)

**8 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Approach to budget
scrutiny**

(11.30–11.45)

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Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–13–23 P2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government
– 20 July 2023

FIN(6)–13–23 P3 – Letter from the Llywydd and Chair of the Business
Committee – 2 August 2023

FIN(6)–13–23 P4 – Letter from the Llywydd and Chair of the Business
Committee – 4 July 2023

FIN(6)–13–23 P5 – Approach to budget scrutiny

FIN(6)–13–23 P6 – Consultation letter

9 Review of the budget protocol

(11.45–12.00)

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Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–13–23 P7 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government
to the Llywydd – 9 August 2023

FIN(6)–13–23 P8 Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government –
20 July 2023

Research Service Brief

10 Future work: Strategic planning

(12.00–12.30)

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Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–13–23 P9 – Strategic planning