

Agenda – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: 24 April 2024

0300 200 6388

Meeting time: 09.30

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Private pre-meeting / Registration

(09.00–09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Paper(s) to note

(09.30)

(Pages 1 – 11)

Minutes of the meetings held on 22 February, 29 February, 6 March and 13 March.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Additional information following the evidence session on the second supplementary budget 2023–24 – 18 March 2024

(Pages 12 – 13)

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee Meeting – 19 March 2024

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2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Senedd Commission: Further information on recommendations made in the Finance Committee's report on the Scrutiny of the Commission's Draft Budget 2024–25 – 19 March 2024

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2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Senedd Commission: Response to recommendations made in the Committee's report on the Financial Implications of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 20 March 2024

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- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Climate Change: Welsh Government’s Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill – 19 Mar 2024**
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- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Welsh Government’s Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters (Reform) Bill – 19 March 2024**
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- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning: Welsh Government’s Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Renters (Reform) Bill – 8 April 2024**
(Pages 39 – 40)
- 2.8 PTN 8 – Joint letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, and the Finance Committee: Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify Act) 2022: Section 6 (Review of operation and effect of this Act) – 19 March 2024**
(Page 41)
- 2.9 PTN 9 – Letter from Philip Rycroft: Additional information on Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations – 11 April 2024**
(Pages 42 – 44)
- 2.10 PTN 10 – Welsh Government response to the Finance Committee's report recommendations on the Financial implications of the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill – 11 April 2024**
(Pages 45 – 49)
- 2.11 PTN 11 – Response from the Member in Charge to the Finance Committee's report recommendations on the Financial implications of the Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill – 15 April 2024**
(Pages 50 – 58)
- 3 Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations: Evidence session 2**
(09.30–10.30) (Pages 59 – 70)
Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, National Audit Office
Lee Summerfield, Director of Investigations, National Audit Office

Supporting documents:

[Investigation into devolved funding](#) (2019) – National Audit Office report
Senedd Research Brief

Break

(10.30–10.45)

4 Financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill: Evidence session

(10.45–11.15)

(Pages 71 – 98)

Jane Hutt MS, Chief Whip & Trefnydd, Welsh Government
Will Whiteley, Deputy Director, Senedd Reform Division

Supporting documents:

[The Senedd Cymru \(Electoral Candidate Lists\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

FIN(6)–09–24 P1 – Letter from the Llywydd to the Chair of the Reform Bill Committee – 15 March 2024

FIN(6)–09–24 P2 – Letter from the Chair of the Reform Bill Committee to the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd – 22 March 2024

FIN(6)–09–24 P3 – Letter from the Chair of the Reform Bill Committee to the Llywydd – 22 March 2024

FIN(6)–09–24 P4 – Letter from the Llywydd – 16 April 2024

FIN(6)–09–24 P5 – Letter from the Llywydd to the Chair of the Reform Bill Committee – 15 April 2024

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5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

(11.15)

- 6 Financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill: Consideration of evidence**
(11.15–11.25)
- 7 Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations: Consideration of evidence**
(11.25–11.30)
- 8 Wales Audit Office Board Membership**
(11.30–12.00) (Pages 99 – 114)
- Supporting documents:**
- FIN(6)–09–24 P6 – Cover paper
 - FIN(6)–09–24 P7 – Letter to the First Minister
 - FIN(6)–09–24 P8 – Letter to the Auditor General for Wales
 - FIN(6)–09–24 P9 – Letter to the Chair of the Wales Audit Office
 - FIN(6)–09–24 P10 – Legal Services note
- 9 Motion to instruct the Finance Committee relating to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**
(12.00–12.15) (Pages 115 – 120)
- Supporting documents:**
- FIN(6)–09–24 P11 – Cover paper
 - FIN(6)–09–24 P12 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – 15 April 2024
- 10 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26:**
- Approach to engagement**
(12.15–12.30) (Pages 121 – 126)
- Supporting documents:**
- FIN(6)–09–24 P13 – Approach to engagement