

## Agenda – Finance Committee

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

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**Owain Roberts**

Committee Clerk

Meeting date: 22 February 2024

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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 Papers to note

(09.30)

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#### 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Deputy Minister for Social Services: Additional information regarding pooled budgets – 6 February 2024

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#### 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government – Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee Meeting held on 25 January – 7 February 2024

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#### 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee – 16 February 2024

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**3 Financial Implications of the Residential Outdoor Education  
(Wales) Bill: Evidence session**

(09.30–10.30)

(Pages 28 – 53)

Sam Rowlands MS, Member in Charge

Dr Dave Harvey, Member of the Senedd Support Staff

Christian Tipples, Senedd Research Service

Michael Dauncey, Senedd Research Service

**Supporting documents:**

[Residential Outdoor Education \(Wales\) Bill, as introduced](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

FIN(6)–05–24 P1 – Letter from Sam Rowlands MS to Legislation, Justice and  
Constitution Committee – 12 February 2024

Research Service Brief

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

(10.30)

**5 Financial implications of the Residential Outdoor Education  
(Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

(10.30–10.45)

**6 Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum: Update**

(10.45–11.00)

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Meeting Venue: Hybrid – Committee  
room 3, Senedd and video conference  
via Zoom Meeting date: Wednesday, 31  
January 2024  
Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.35

### Hybrid, Private

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#### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Cerian Jones (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)



**At its meeting on 18 January 2024, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from today's meeting.**

## **Registration (09.15–09.30)**

### **1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Finance Committee.

### **2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Consideration of draft report**

2.1 The Committee considered its draft report and agreed it with minor changes.

### **3 Review of the Statement of Principles**

3.1 The Committee considered the paper on the review of the Statement of Principles, noted the latest views expressed by Directly Funded Bodies and agreed to reflect these in the Committee's future report on changes to the Budget Process Protocol. The Committee also agreed to write to the Llywydd's Committee to seek the views of the Electoral Commission on changes to the Protocol.

### **4 National Audit Office Report – Administration of Welsh Income Tax 2022–23**

4.1 The Committee noted the report from the National Audit Office.

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

This meeting can be viewed on [Senedd TV](#) at:

<http://senedd.tv/en/13831>

Meeting date: Thursday, 18 January 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 15.15

## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Huw Irranca–Davies MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS)
Witnesses:	Derek Walker, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales Jacob Ellis, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales Rhiannon Hardiman, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner Darren Hughes, Welsh NHS Confederation Sally May, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Lance Carver, Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS) Carys Lord, Bridgend County Borough Council



	<p>Mary Ann Brocklesby, Monmouthshire County Council</p> <p>Anthony Hunt, Torfaen County Borough Council</p> <p>Llinos Medi, Isle of Anglesey County Council</p> <p>Mark Pritchard, Wrexham County Borough Council</p> <p>Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government</p> <p>Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government</p> <p>Emma Watkins, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Owain Roberts (Clerk)</p> <p>Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Cerian Jones (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Rhiannon Williams (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Martin Jennings (Researcher)</p> <p>Owen Holzinger (Researcher)</p> <p>Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)</p>

## Registration (09.00–09.15)

## Private Pre-meeting (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.

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS.

1.3 Huw Irranca-Davies MS substituted for Rhianon Passmore MS.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

**2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from Minister for Finance and Local Government: Second Supplementary Budget 2023–24 – 11 January 2024**

**2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee Meeting – 12 January 2024**

**2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Review of the Budget Process Protocol – 15 January 2024**

## **3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session 5**

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 from Derek Walker, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales; Jacob Ellis, Director: External Relations and Culture; and Rhiannon Hardiman, Policy Lead: Nature & Climate Change, Economy, Food Policy.

**Break (10.00–10.10)**

## **4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session 6**

4.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 from Sally May, Executive Director of Finance Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board and Chair of the Directors of Finance Peer Group; Darren Hughes, Director, Welsh NHS Confederation; Lance Carver, Vice President, Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru (ADSS Cymru) and Director of Social Services at Vale of Glamorgan Council; and Carys Lord, Chief Officer Finance, Performance and Change, Bridgend County Borough Council.

## **Break (11.10–11.20)**

### **5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session 7**

5.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 from Cllr Anthony Hunt, Leader, Torfaen County Borough Council; Cllr Llinos Medi, Leader, Isle of Anglesey County Council; Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby, Leader, Monmouthshire County Council; and Cllr Mark Pritchard, Leader, Wrexham County Borough Council.

## **Break (12.20–13.15)**

### **6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session 8**

6.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government; Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury; and Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget & Government Business.

6.2 The Minister agreed to provide a note via the Minister for Health and Social Services in relation to pooled budgets between Local Health Boards and Local Authorities.

### **7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the meeting on 31 January 2024**

7.1 The motion was agreed.

### **8 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Consideration of evidence**

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.



## **9 Second Supplementary Budget 2023–24 requests from Directly Funded Bodies**

9.1 The Committee considered and agreed the requested variations to the Audit Wales's Estimate 2023–24; and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales's Estimate 2023–24.

## **10 Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2024–25**

10.1 The Committee approved the Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2024–25.

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Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 4 Ty Hywel and video conference via Zoom**

This meeting can be viewed on [Senedd TV](#) at:

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 10 January 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.40

## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Richard Hughes, Office for Budget Responsibility Professor David Miles, Office for Budget Responsibility Tom Josephs, Office for Budget Responsibility David Phillips, Institute for Fiscal Studies Guto Ifan, Wales Governance Centre Ed Poole, Wales Governance Centre Jessica Laimann, Women's Equality Network (WEN) Wales Dr Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Cerian Jones (Second Clerk)



	Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
	Rhiannon Williams (Deputy Clerk)
	Martin Jennings (Researcher)
	Christian Tipples (Researcher)
	Božo Lugonja (Researcher)

## **Registration (09.00–09.15)**

### **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 paper was noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Report on Outturn 2022–23 – 22 December 2023**

#### **3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session 2**

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 from Richard Hughes, Chair, Office for Budget Responsibility; Professor David Miles, Budget Responsibility Committee member, Office for Budget Responsibility; and Tom Josephs, Budget Responsibility Committee member, Office for Budget Responsibility.

3.2 The Office for Budget Responsibility agreed to provide:

- A note on the timescale of work being undertaken in relation to developments in forecasting.

## **Break (10.15–10.25)**

### **4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session 3**

4.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 from David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies; Dr Ed Poole, Senior Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis); and Guto Ifan, Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis)

## **Break (11.25–11.35)**

### **5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session 4**

5.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 from Jessica Laimann, Wales Women’s Budget Group / Policy and Public Affairs Manager at Women’s Equality Network (WEN) Wales; and Victoria Winckler, Director, Bevan Foundation.

5.2 The Bevan Foundation agreed to provide the Committee with:

- Calculations it had undertaken in relation to extending the eligibility for free school meals in secondary schools.

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

6.1 The motion was agreed.

### **7 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Consideration of evidence**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

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Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 4 Ty Hywel and video conference via Zoom**

This meeting can be viewed on [Senedd TV](http://senedd.tv) at: <http://senedd.tv/en/13820>

Meeting date: Wednesday, 20 December 2023

Meeting time: 09.35 – 11.20

## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Laura Anne Jones MS (In place of Peter Fox MS)
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Emma Watkins, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)



## **Registration (09.00–09.15)**

## **Private Pre-meeting (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.

1.2 Apologies were received from Peter Fox MS.

1.3 Laura Anne Jones MS attended as a substitute for Peter Fox MS.

### **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee: Evidence papers supporting the 2024–25 Draft Budget – 27 October 2023
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the First Minister: Finance Committee Stage 1 report on the Food (Wales) Bill: Recommendation 1 – 15 November 2023
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee: Evidence session for Petition P-06-1358 Review the inadequate funding for Schools in Wales – 22 November 2023
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Agriculture (Wales) Act 2023 – Revised Explanatory Memorandum – 22 November 2023
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Revenue Settlement Grant – 29 November 2023
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Infrastructure (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response – 1 December 2023
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Statement of Principles for Directly Funded Bodies (DFBs) – 14 November 2023

### **3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session 1**

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25 from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government; Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury; and Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget and Government Business.

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide a note on:

- How the GDP deflator and CPI index indices work, and why the Welsh Government opted for the CPI index in its inflation calculations, in relation to the Draft Budget.

#### **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 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.



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Lleoliad: Hybrid – Committee

room 4 Ty Hywel and video conference

via Zoom

Dyddiad: 13 December 2023

Amser: 09.30 – 10.40

## Private, Hybrid

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### Yn bresennol

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Aelodau o'r Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Staff y Pwyllgor:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Cerian Jones (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Božo Lugonja (Researcher) Samiwel Davies (Legal Adviser)



At its meeting on 15 November 2023, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from today's meeting.

## **Registration (09.15–09.30)**

### **1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Finance Committee.

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

2.1 The Committee considered the paper on the scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2024–25 and agreed its approach.

### **3 Approach to appointing Wales Audit Office Non–Executive (NE) Board Members**

3.1 The Committee considered and agreed its approach to appointing Wales Audit Office Non–Executive (NE) Board Members.

### **4 Inquiry into Intergovernmental Relations: Scoping paper**

4.1 The Committee considered the scoping paper on the inquiry into Intergovernmental Relations and agreed the terms of reference, and approach to the consultation.

### **5 Consideration of Forward Work Programme**

5.1 The Committee considered its Forward Work Programme.

### **6 Audit Wales – Second Supplementary Estimate 2023–24**

6.1 The Committee considered the letter from Audit Wales in relation to its Second Supplementary Estimate 2023–24.

## **7 Financial implications of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft report**

7.1 The Committee considered its draft report on Financial implications of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill and agreed it with a minor change.

## **8 Financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Consideration of draft report**

8.1 The Committee agreed its draft report on the Financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill and agreed it with minor changes.

Julie Morgan AS/MS  
Y Dirprwy Weinidog Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Deputy Minister for Social Services



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6 February 2024

Dear Peredur,

My colleague, the Minister for Finance and Local Government, gave a commitment at the Finance Committee meeting on 18 January to ask the Minister for Health and Social Services for further information about pooled budgets. I am replying because of my responsibility for the regional partnership arrangements under Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

As you know, section 33 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 enables local authorities and health boards to develop formal partnerships and to delegate the exercise of functions from one body to the other. This legislation enables a local authority to delegate the exercise of certain specified functions to the health board, or for the health board to delegate the exercise of certain specified functions to the local authority. The legislation also provides for the development of integrated care and support services, integrated (or joint) commissioning, and arrangements for pooled funds to enable integrated service delivery.

Regional pooled budgets are provided for within the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. In particular, the Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2015 require the local authorities and the health board within each Regional Partnership Board area to establish and maintain pooled funds in relation to:

- the exercise of their care home accommodation functions
- the exercise of their family support functions, and
- such of their specified functions as they decide they will exercise jointly in consequence of their population needs assessment or joint area plan.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Pwyllgor Cyllid / Finance Committee  
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Pooled funds can be a useful tool to support the effective joint commissioning and delivery of integrated health and social care services. One of the objectives of the Regional Partnership Boards is to promote joint commissioning and the establishment of pooled funds where appropriate.

At present, the Statutory Guidance on Partnership Working requires the partnership bodies specifically to put in place regional pooled budgets to support the joint commissioning of care home placements for older people. However, we know from the review we commissioned from KPMG, and from Audit Wales reports, that the regional partnerships have made limited progress with these pooled funds; and it has become clear from our discussions with the Regional Partnership Boards that they would welcome greater flexibility in deciding at which level budgets should be pooled in order to achieve more joint commissioning and pooling of budgets.

Last year we consulted on proposals to strengthen joint commissioning as part of our Rebalancing Care and Support Programme. As well as developing a new national framework for commissioned care and support, we are revising the Statutory Guidance on Partnership Working so that the partnership bodies will have greater flexibility to pool budgets at the level that best suits their particular needs, be that at regional, sub-regional, local or cluster level. The current requirement for pooled budgets in relation to the joint commissioning care home placements for older people has been retained, but the new guidelines will specify that the partnership bodies should consider joint commissioning and pooled funds in relation to a wider range of services including preventative services, domiciliary care, reablement, continuing health care, therapeutic and safe placements for children and young people with complex needs, people with a learning disability in supported living, and support for unpaid carers. Whatever level the pooled funds operate at, we would expect to see regional market position statements and regional commissioning strategies and frameworks for all of these services.

The partnership bodies should also consider any funding issued to them from the Welsh Government, such as the Regional Integration Fund (RIF), as a form of pooled budget.

Our current main source of information on pooled funds are the Local Health Boards' annual financial accounts, which must include an audited pooled budget note. The attached Annex summarises the types of pooled budget arrangements reported by the health boards for the financial year 2022-23. It should be noted that this information is drawn from a free-text box within the accounts and that the information is therefore not provided in a consistent format. We will be working with the health boards to ensure greater consistency in reporting on pooled funds in their accounts for the financial year 2023-24, due by the end of July.

Yours sincerely



**Julie Morgan AS/MS**  
Y Dirprwy Weinidog Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Deputy Minister for Social Services

## **Pooled Budgets reported by Local Health Boards in their annual financial accounts 2022-23**

### **Aneurin Bevan UHB**

#### Monnow Vale Health and Social Care Unit

The Health Board has entered into a pooled budget with Monmouthshire County Council. Funds are pooled to provide health and social care inpatient, outpatient, clinic and day care facilities to individuals who have medical, social, community or rehabilitation needs.

#### Gwent Wide Integrated Community Equipment Service

The Health Board has entered into a pooled budget with the 5 local authorities in the Gwent area for the provision of an effective integrated Gwent Wide Integrated Community Equipment Service to service users who are resident in the partners' localities. Funds are pooled for the joint equipment store in the Gwent area.

#### Mardy Park Rehabilitation Centre

The Health Board has entered into a pooled budget arrangement with Monmouthshire County Council. Funds are pooled to provide care to individuals who have rehabilitation needs. The pool is hosted by Monmouthshire CC.

#### Gwent Frailty Programme

The Health Board has entered into a pooled budget with 5 local authorities in the Gwent area, for the provision of a Gwent-wide integrated health and social care frailty service, for service users who are resident in the partners' localities. Funds are pooled for the purpose of establishing a consistent service for the Gwent area.

#### Continuing Healthcare - Older People in Care Homes

The Health Board has entered into a pooled budget with the 5 local authorities in the Gwent area, for the provision and commissioning of certain specialised services for older people (over 65 years of age) in a care home setting in Gwent. The pool was established in August 2018 and is hosted by Torfaen CBC.

## **Betsi Cadwaladr UHB**

The Health Board has entered into five pooled budget arrangements:

- North-East Wales Community Equipment Service – hosted by Flintshire CC
- Denbighshire Community Equipment Service – hosted by Denbighshire CC
- Denbighshire Health and Social Care Support Workers Service – hosted by Denbighshire CC
- Bryn-y-Neuadd Community Equipment Store – hosted by BCUHB
- North Wales Older People Accommodation Pooled Budget – hosted by Denbighshire CC.

## **Cardiff and Vale UHB**

### Joint Equipment Store

The Health Board has entered into a pooled budget arrangement with Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan local authorities, for the operation of a Joint Equipment Store to provide and deliver common equipment and consumables to patients. The pool is hosted by Cardiff Council, who are the lead body and act as principal for this scheme.

## **Hywel Dda UHB**

### Integrated Community Joint Equipment Store (Carmarthenshire)

The Health Board entered into a pooled budget with Carmarthenshire County Council on the 1 October 2009, to pool funds for the provision of an integrated community joint equipment store hosted by Carmarthenshire CC.

### Integrated Community Equipment Store (Ceredigion)

The Health Board has entered into a pooled budget with Ceredigion County Council on the 1 April 2009, for the provision of an integrated community joint equipment store. The pool is hosted by Ceredigion County Council.

### Integrated Community Equipment Store (Pembrokeshire)

The Health Board has entered into an agreement with Pembrokeshire County Council on the 31 March 2011 for the provision of an integrated community joint equipment store, and from 1 October 2012 the agreement has operated as a pooled fund. The pool is hosted by Pembrokeshire County Council.

### Carmarthenshire Community Health and Social Care Services

The Health Board has entered into an agreement with Carmarthenshire County Council on the 3 March 2011 for the provision of Carmarthenshire Community Health and Social Care Services. The section 33 agreement itself will initially only provide the framework for taking forward future schedules and therefore references all community-based health, social care (adults and children) and related housing and public protection services so that if any future developments are considered a separate agreement will not have to be prepared. **There are currently no pooled budgets related to this agreement.**

## **Swansea Bay UHB**

### Integrated Community Equipment Service

Funds have been pooled by SBUHB, Swansea Council and Neath Port Talbot Council to provide an integrated community equipment service.

## **Powys THB**

### Funded Nursing Care

Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys County Council have entered into a partnership agreement in relation to the provision of care by a registered nurse in care homes.

### Reablement Service

Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys County Council have entered into a partnership agreement in respect of lead commissioning from a pooled fund for the provision of an effective and sustainable joint reablement service. Powys CC is the host partner.

### Tier 2/3 Psycho-social Treatment Services

Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys County Council have entered into a partnership agreement for tier 2 and service provision for drug and alcohol users and their concerned others. Powys CC is the lead commissioner and the host partner.

### Personal Care at Glan Irfon Integrated Health and Social Care Unit

Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys County Council have entered into a partnership agreement to enable the use of resources relating to the Inpatient Services at the Glan Irfon Health and Social Centre, Builth Wells. Powys CC is the lead commissioner and the host partner.

## **Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB**

### Rhondda Cynon Taf, Bridgend and Merthyr Tydfil Integrated Community Equipment Service

The Health Board has entered into a pooled budget with Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, and Bridgend County Borough Council. Funds are pooled for the provision of an Integrated Community Equipment Service. The pool is hosted by Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC.



Rebecca Evans AS/MS  
Y Gweinidog Cyllid a Llywodraeth Leol  
Minister for Finance and Local Government



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7 February 2024

Dear Peredur,

Further to my recent letter advising you of the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee Meeting (F:ISC) on 25 January in Edinburgh, I would like to briefly report on the discussions. A communique was also published following the meeting: [Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee – 25 January 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/finance-interministerial-standing-committee-25-january-2024)

Joining me in attendance were Rt Hon Laura Trott MBE MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Shona Robison MSP, Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Finance. Officials from the Northern Ireland Executive also attended virtually, to observe.

During our discussions on the current economic and fiscal context, I raised the significant public spending pressures, in particular those reported by the NHS and Local Authorities.

As with prior meetings of the F:ISC, I reiterated the case for additional budget flexibility, including an agreed process for capital to revenue switches to offer more certainty in the future. I also highlighted some of the financial recommendations from the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future for Wales final report, which argued that the flexibilities that we are seeking from HM Treasury are reasonable. We discussed the reported funding support package for Northern Ireland, and I emphasised the point that support is needed throughout the UK for all the public spending pressures that we are facing.

The Deputy First Minister and I provided an update on devolved government budgets. I highlighted the challenges we have faced this year in terms of the uncertainty of our budget settlement, and the difficult decisions we have taken to reprioritise funding. I emphasised the need for early indication of any changes to our budget to support planning, including urgent clarity of whether Agenda for Change NHS funding will be baselined into future years.

During a discussion on the UK Spring Budget, I raised the challenges that the timing of the UK Spring Budget presents, given it falls the day after the Senedd votes on the Welsh Government's spending plans for 2024-25. I made the case for any extra resources available to the Chancellor to be used to provide the critical investment required for public services

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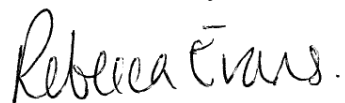
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including public sector pay and pensions, as well as further cost-of-living support and additional investment to improve productivity and growth.

We concluded the meeting by exchanging information and ideas on measures to tackle poverty. I provided an overview of the action taken by the Welsh Government, and I highlighted the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Trussell Trust's calls for the UK Government to fundamentally reform how benefit rates are determined and implement an Essentials Guarantee to ensure people are able to meet their basic costs.

The next meeting will take place in the Spring.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Cyllid a Llywodraeth Leol  
Minister for Finance and Local Government

**Mick Antoniw AS/MS**  
**Y Cwnsler Cyffredinol a Gweinidog y Cyfansoddiad**  
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## Agenda Item 2.3



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Huw Irranca-Davies MS  
Chair  
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee  
Senedd Cymru

16 February 2024

### **Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee**

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement to notify you of the sixth meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC), which will take place on 20 February 2024.

I will be chairing the meeting, which will be the first IMSC meeting since the re-establishment of the Northern Ireland Executive. I anticipate that this virtual meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss intergovernmental relations as a whole following the return of Northern Ireland Ministers, as well as UK legislation and also community cohesion. I will also be highlighting the recent final report from the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales.

I have copied this letter to the the Llywydd, and to the Chairs of the Finance Committee, the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, the Equality and Social Justice Committee, and the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee.

I will provide an update after the meeting.

**Mick Antoniw AS/MS**  
**Y Cwnsler Cyffredinol a Gweinidog y Cyfansoddiad**  
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# Agenda Item 3

Huw Irranca-Davies, MS  
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12 February 2024

Dear Huw,

## **Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill**

I would like to take the opportunity to again thank the Committee for the time it has taken to consider the detail of the Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill.

I am writing in response to Adam Price MS' request that I provide examples of legislative provisions that compel certain elements to be included in guidance. I have included in the Annex to this letter a selection of recent examples that address this point, from Acts of both Senedd Cymru and the UK Parliament.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, and the Chair of Finance Committee.

Yours Sincerely,



Sam Rowlands MS  
**Member of the Welsh Parliament for North Wales**

## Annex

<b>Act</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Explanatory note</b>
Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023	196(1) The Welsh Ministers must issue guidance to the bodies listed in subsection (2) on— (a) how the bodies may contribute to the compilation of historic environment records and assist in maintaining the records, and (b) the use of historic environment records in the exercise of the bodies' functions.	Section 196 requires the Welsh Ministers to issue guidance to local authorities, National Park authorities and Natural Resources Wales on how they may contribute to the compilation and maintenance of the historic environment records and on the use of the historic environment records in the exercise of their functions.
The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023	2(3) The Welsh Ministers must prepare and publish guidance about— (a) the single-use plastic products that are prohibited under this Act; (b) the application of any exemptions listed in column 2 of the Table in paragraph 1 of the Schedule.	This section also requires Welsh Ministers to prepare and publish guidance about the single-use plastic products prohibited under the Act, and how any exemptions listed under column 2 of the Table should be applied.
Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023	9(5) The Welsh Ministers must issue guidance about the composition of the public procurement subgroup (including for the purpose of achieving an appropriately representative membership), and the SPC must have regard to that guidance.	<p>This section requires the SPC to take all reasonable steps to establish a specific subgroup concerned with public procurement within six months of section 9(1) coming into force.</p> <p>It further requires that the Welsh Ministers specify and publish the quorum for the public procurement subgroup meetings, produce guidance to which the SPC must have regard when appointing members including guidance for the purpose of ensuring its membership is appropriately representative and the procedures to be followed during meetings.</p> <p>The section also sets out specific matters which the procedures to be published by the Welsh Ministers must deal with, these are the</p>

		same as those covered in the procedures which are specified and published in relation to the full SPC.
Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022	Section 134(5) The Welsh Ministers must publish guidance regarding factors to be taken into account in deciding whether to approve a body or individual for the purposes of this section.	The Welsh Ministers must publish guidance setting out the factors that will be taken into account when approving a body or individual with whom the information may be shared.
Data Protection Act 2018	12(2) The Secretary of State may by regulations...specify what the guidance must include.	The Secretary of State is able to specify what the guidance must include.



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# Agenda Item 6

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