

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 9 May 2024

Meeting time: 10.30 – 12.35

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer & Director of Improvement, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser & Director of Investigations, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Cerian Jones (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)



Registration

Private Pre-meeting

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 Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office: Approach to the publication of supplementary budgets – 29 April 2024**

3 Review into the operations, processes and investigations carried out by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Review into the operations, processes and investigations carried out by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, from Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer & Director of Improvement; and Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser & Director of Investigations.

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 Review into the operations, processes and investigations carried out by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales requesting that she provides an update on the progress of the review prior to the summer recess.

6 Update on the Wales Audit Office Board Membership

6.1 The Committee considered the cover paper, and the draft terms and conditions document; and agreed the action points included in the cover paper.