

Agenda – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: Hybrid – Committee
room 5 Ty Hywel and video conference
via Zoom

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Meeting date: 3 October 2024

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 meeting held on 18 September.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee Meeting (F:ISC) – 26 September 2024

(09.30)

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3 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence session

(09.30–10.30)

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Hefin David MS, Commissioner for Budget and Governance, Senedd Commission

Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd, Senedd Commission

Ed Williams, Director of Senedd Resources, Senedd Commission

Simon Hart, Interim Chief Finance Officer, Senedd Commission



Supporting documents:

FIN(6)-19-24 P1 – Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2025-26

FIN(6)-19-24 P2 – Letter from the Senedd Commission: Further information to support the Senedd Commission’s Draft Budget 2025-26; and an update in relation to Committee recommendations – 27 September 2024

FIN(6)-19-24 P3 – Letter from the Senedd Commission: Further information in relation to recommendations made by the Committee in its report on Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2024-25 – 23 September 2024

Senedd Research Brief

Break

(10.30-10.45)

4 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 and the Annual Plan 2024-25: Evidence session

(10.45-11.45)

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Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales

Dr Ian Rees, Chair of the Wales Audit Office, Audit Wales

Kevin Thomas, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Audit Wales

Anne-Louise Clark, Executive Director for Communications and Change, Audit Wales

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)-19-24 P4 – Audit Wales: Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24

FIN(6)-19-24 P5 – Audit Wales: Audit Findings report – Year Ended 31 March 2024

FIN(6)-19-24 P6 – Audit Wales: Annual Plan 2024-25

Senedd Research Brief

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

(11.45)

6 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24 and the Annual Plan 2024–25: Consideration of evidence

(11.45–11.55)

7 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2025–26: Consideration of evidence

(11.55–12.05)

8 Reviewing the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013

(12.05–12.15)

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Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–19–24 P7 – Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee:

Consultation on reviewing the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 – 3 July 2024

FIN(6)–19–24 P8 – Letter from Audit Wales: Improvements to audit legislation – 20 September 2024

9 Changes to the Budget Process Protocol

(12.15–12.30)

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Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–19–24 P9 – Cover paper: Changes to the Budget Process Protocol

FIN(6)–19–24 P10 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance,

Constitution and Cabinet Office: Proposed Changes to the Budget Process Protocol – 1 August 2024