

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Thursday, 7 November 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.25

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	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 Ann-Marie Harkin, Executive Director of Audit Services, Audit Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Božo Lugonja (Researcher)



Registration

Private pre-meeting

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the National Statistician: Wales-specific Quarterly Growth Data – 21 October 2024

2.2 PTN 2 – Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response to the Health and Social Care Committee's report recommendations – 25 October 2024

2.3 PTN 3 – Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's report recommendations – 25 October 2024

2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Action Plan in relation to the Independent Review of investigations into Code of Conduct complaints – 29 October 2024

3 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Estimate 2025–26 and Interim Report: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on Audit Wales's Estimate 2025–26 and Interim Report from 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; and Ann-Marie Harkin, Executive Director of Audit Services, Audit Wales.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting, and the meetings on 20 November and 27 November

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Estimate 2025–26 and Interim Report: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Financial Transactions Capital: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed it with minor changes.

7 The Land Transaction Tax (Relief for Special Tax Sites) (Wales) Regulations 2024

7.1 The Committee considered the briefing note on the Land Transaction Tax (Relief for Special Tax Sites) (Wales) Regulations 2024 and noted the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's report on these regulations.

8 Consideration of Forward Work Programme

8.1 The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme.