

Agenda – Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: 8 January 2025

Meeting time: 09.00

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Registration

(08.30–08.45)

Private pre-meeting

(08.45 – 09.00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.00)

2 Paper(s) to note

(09.00)

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: The Land Transaction Tax (Tax Bands and Tax Rates) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – 10 December 2024

(Pages 1 – 6)

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee: Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill – Stage 1 scrutiny – 11 December 2024

(Pages 7 – 8)

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter to the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee: Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill – Stage 1 scrutiny – 16 December 2024

(Pages 9 – 10)



- 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Minister for Children and Social Care to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee: Further information on Stage 2 non-Government amendments – 17 December 2024**
(Pages 11 – 15)
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Report on Outturn 2023–24 – 20 December 2024**
(Pages 16 – 48)
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Additional information following the Committee's Draft Budget scrutiny session on 12 December – 20 December 2024**
(Pages 49 – 50)
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Written evidence from Cymdeithas yr Iaith**
(Pages 51 – 52)
- 2.8 PTN 8 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Written evidence from Flintshire County Council**
(Pages 53 – 57)
- 2.9 PTN 9 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Written evidence from Tenovus Cancer Care**
(Pages 58 – 59)
- 2.10 PTN 10 – Letter from the Public Ombudsman for Wales regarding an appeal hearing of a former councillor – 17 December 2024**
(Page 60)
- 3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence session 2**
(09.00 – 09.50) (Pages 61 – 181)
- Richard Hughes, Chair, Office for Budget Responsibility
Tom Josephs, Budget Responsibility Committee member, Office for Budget Responsibility
Professor David Miles, Budget Responsibility Committee member, Office for Budget Responsibility

Supporting documents:

[Consultation response pack](#)

FIN(6)-01-25 P1 – Summary of consultation responses

FIN(6)-01-25 P2 – Welsh taxes outlook (December 2024)

Senedd Research Brief

Break

(09.50 – 10.00)

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence session 3

(10.00 – 11.00)

(Pages 182 – 197)

David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies

Dr Ed Poole, Senior Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis)

Guto Ifan, Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis)

Supporting documents:

Senedd Research Brief

Break

(11.00 – 11.10)

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence session 4

(11.10 – 12.10)

(Pages 198 – 249)

Victoria Vasey, Director, Women's Equality Network (WEN) Wales / Wales

Women's Budget Group (WWBG)

Simon Hatch, Director, Citizens Advice Cymru

Natalie Zhivkova, Policy & Insights Manager, Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)-01-25 P3 – Women's Equality Network (WEN) Wales / Wales Women's Budget Group (WWBG)

FIN(6)-01-25 P4 – Citizens Advice Cymru

FIN(6)-01-25 P5 – Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

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

(12.10)

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Consideration of evidence

(12.10 – 12.30)