

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.10

## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Sam Rowlands MS
Witnesses:	Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Katrin Shaw, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Božo Lugonja (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser) Masudah Ali (Legal Adviser)



**At its meeting on 2 July, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from the start of today's meeting.**

## **Registration**

### **Private pre-meeting**

#### **1 Appointment of the Auditor General for Wales: Approach to recruitment**

1.1 The Committee considered the papers in relation to the appointment of the Auditor General for Wales and agreed the actions within the cover paper.

#### **2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Approach to scrutiny**

2.1 The committee considered the paper on the approach to Draft Budget scrutiny 2026–27 and agreed the actions within it.

#### **3 Consideration of Forward Work Programme**

3.1 The Committee considered its Forward Work Programme.

#### **4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Engagement summary report**

4.1 The Committee considered its Summary Engagement report and the two written submissions.

## **Public**

#### **5 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

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

5.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. There was no substitute for Rhianon Passmore MS.

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

6.1 The papers were noted.

**6.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Draft Budget 2026–27 timetable – 1 July 2025**

**6.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Administration of devolved taxes in Wales – 1 July 2025**

**6.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Inter-Ministerial Group for Business and Industry meeting – 1 July 2025**

## **7 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Evidence session 6**

7.1 The Committee took evidence on the Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019 from Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; and Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser and Director of Investigations.

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

8.1 The motion was agreed.

## **9 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Consideration of evidence**

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **10 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Consideration of key issues**

10.1 The Committee considered the key issues.