

Agenda – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: 18 September 2025

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Meeting time: 10.00

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Registration

(09.30 – 09.45)

Private pre-meeting

(09.45 – 10.00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(10.00)

2 Paper(s) to note

(10.00)

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Minutes of the meetings held on 26 June, 2 July and 9 July.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) – 8 July 2025

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2.2 PTN 2– Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC) – 14 July 2025

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2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the First Minister of Wales: Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: 43rd British–Irish Council Summit – 22 July 2025

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2.4 PTN 4 – Women’s Equality Network (WEN) Wales: Briefing – New research on the childcare needs of families in Wales – July 2025

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- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Consultation on reviewing the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 – 11 July 2025**
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- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Financial information for Directly Funded Bodies to consider in their budget planning – 11 July 2025**
(Pages 22 – 23)
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill – Stage 4 – 11 July 2025**
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- 2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA): Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill – 15 July 2025**
(Pages 25 – 26)
- 2.9 PTN 9 – Letter from the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee to the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA): Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill – 18 July 2025**
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- 2.10 PTN 10 – Letter from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA): Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill – 1 August 2025**
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- 2.11 PTN 11 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government: Additional information on the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill – 27 August 2025**
(Pages 31 – 40)
- 2.12 PTN 12 – Letter from the Senedd Commission: Update to recommendations made in the Committee's report on the Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2025–26 – 15 July 2025**
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- 2.13 PTN 13 – Letter from Audit Wales: Notification of audit deadline position – Powys Teaching Health Board – 21 July 2025**
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- 2.14 PTN 14 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language:
Office for National Statistics and the Census 2031 – 4 August 2025**
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- 2.15 PTN 15 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language:
Barnett formula consequential from the UK Spending Review (11 June) – 5
August 2025**
(Pages 57 – 59)
- 2.16 PTN 16 – Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the First
Supplementary Budget 2025–26 – 18 August 2025**
(Pages 60 – 68)
- 2.17 PTN 17 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language:
Welsh Rates of Income Tax – Outturn Statistics 2023–24 – 21 August 2025**
(Pages 69 – 70)
- 2.18 PTN 18 – Additional information from National Energy Action relating to fuel
poverty in Wales – 7 August 2025**
(Pages 71 – 72)
- 2.19 PTN 19 – Letter from the Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee
for Finance: Northern Ireland Fiscal Council Bill – 22 July 2025**
(Pages 73 – 74)
- 2.20 PTN 20 – Letter to the Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for
Finance: Northern Ireland Fiscal Council Bill – 8 September 2025**
(Pages 75 – 76)
- 2.21 PTN 21 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and
Planning: Inter-Ministerial Group for Business and Industry (IMG) – 2
September 2025**
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- 2.22 PTN 22 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and
Planning: Inter-Ministerial Group for Business and Industry – 10 September
2025**
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- 2.23 PTN 23 – Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales:
Response to the Committee's report on the Bus Services (Wales) Bill – 8
September 2025**
- (Pages 79 – 81)
- 3 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Annual Report and Accounts 2024–
25 and the Annual Plan 2025–26: Evidence session**
- (10.00 – 11.00) (Pages 82 – 294)
- Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales
Ian Rees, Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board, Audit Wales
Kevin Thomas, Executive Director for Corporate Services, Audit Wales
Ann-Marie Harkin, Executive Director for Audit Services, Audit Wales
- 4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the
public from items 5 to 11 and 13; and the start of the meeting on
24 September 2025**
- (11.00)
- 5 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Annual Report and Accounts 2024–
25 and the Annual Plan 2025–26: Consideration of evidence**
- (11.00 – 11.15)
- 6 Appointment of the Auditor General for Wales: Update**
- (11.15 – 11.30) (Pages 295 – 314)
- 7 Chair's Forum – Consultation: Reviewing Committee Effectiveness
in the Sixth Senedd**
- (11.30 – 11.40) (Pages 315 – 317)
- 8 Changes to the Budget Process Protocol and related budgetary
procedures: Update**
- (11.40 – 11.50) (Pages 318 – 322)
- 9 Consideration of Forward Work Programme**
- (11.50 – 12.00) (Pages 323 – 340)

10 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27:

Approach to scrutiny

(12.00 – 12.10)

(Pages 341 – 345)

11 Financial implications of the Planning (Wales) Bill and the Planning (Consequential Provisions) (Wales) Bill

(12.10 – 12.20)

(Pages 346 – 348)

[Planning \(Wales\) Bill, as introduced](#)

[Planning \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Wales\) Bill, as introduced](#)

[Planning \(Wales\) Bill and Planning \(Consequential Provisions\) \(Wales\) Bill – Explanatory Memorandum](#)

Break

(12.20 – 12.45)

Public

12 Financial implications of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill:

Evidence session

(12.45 – 13.45)

(Pages 349 – 369)

Jane Hutt MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

Amira Evans, Head of Equalities, Welsh Government

Bethany Thomas, British Sign Language Policy Manager, Welsh Government

Supporting documents:

[British Sign Language \(Wales\) Bill, as introduced](#)

[British Sign Language \(Wales\) Bill, as introduced](#) (Introduction to the Bill in British Sign Language)

[British Sign Language \(Wales\) Bill – Bill summary](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Welsh Government: Evidence paper](#) (British Sign Language version)

Private

13 Financial implications of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill:

Consideration of evidence

(13.45 – 14.00)