

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: Video Conference via
Zoom
Meeting date: Wednesday, 22 October
2025
Meeting time: 09.57 – 11.32

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Witnesses:	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)
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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



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

1.3 Apologies were received from Sam Rowlands MS. Janet Finch–Saunders MS substituted for Sam Rowlands MS.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The paper was noted.

2.1 PTN1 – Letter from the Business Committee – Review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes: publication of pre–introduction Bills – 10 October 2025

2.1.1. The Committee considered the letter from Business Committee and agreed to respond to its review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes.

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27 from David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies; Dr Ed Poole, Senior Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis); and Guto Ifan, Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis).

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 British Sign Language (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered its draft report and agreed it with no changes.

7 Update on changes to the Budget Protocol and related procedures

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft letters to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, and the Directly Funded Bodies.