

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Thursday, 13 November 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 14.10

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Sam Rowlands MS Hannah Blythyn MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS)
Witnesses:	Derek Walker, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales Marie Brousseau-Navarro, Deputy Commissioner and Director for Health, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner Steffan Evans, Chief Executive Officer, Bevan Foundation Simon Hatch, Director, Citizens Advice Cymru Dr Jessica Laimann, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Women’s Equality Network (WEN) Wales / Wales Women’s Budget Group (WWBG) Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language Rebecca Hawkins, Legislative Policy Adviser, Licensing of



	<p>Visitor Accommodation, Welsh Government</p> <p>Andrew Hobden, Economist, Welsh Government</p> <p>Helen John, Deputy Director, Licensing of Visitor Accommodation, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Owain Roberts (Clerk)</p> <p>Sian Giddins (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Georgina Owen (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Owen Holzinger (Researcher)</p> <p>Christian Tipples (Researcher)</p> <p>Božo Lugonja (Researcher)</p> <p>Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)</p>

Registration

Private pre-meeting

1 Introduction, 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. Hannah Blythyn MS substituted for Rhianon Passmore MS.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill – Welsh Government response to the Local Government and Housing Committee's report – 4 November 2025
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Building Safety (Wales) Bill: Additional information from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Local Government and Housing Committee – 5 November 2025
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Second Supplementary Budget 2025–26 – 6 November 2025
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27– Written evidence: Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) – November 2025
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27– Written evidence: Institute of Directors – October 2025
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from Public Health Wales: Public Health policy priorities – 6 November 2025

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Evidence session 4

The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27 from Derek Walker, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales; and Marie Brousseau-Navarro, Deputy Commissioner and Director for Health, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner.

Break

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Evidence session 5

4.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27 from Steffan Evans, Chief Executive Officer, Bevan Foundation; Simon Hatch, Director, Citizens Advice Cymru; and Dr Jessica Laimann, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Women's Equality Network (WEN) Wales / Wales Women's Budget Group (WWBG).

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6, 7, 8 and 10

5.1 The motion was agreed.

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

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 The Land Transaction Tax (Modification of Special Tax Sites Relief) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2025

7.1 The Committee considered the Land Transaction Tax (Modification of Special Tax Sites Relief) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2025 and agreed not to report.

8 The Land Transaction Tax (Modification of Special Tax Sites Relief) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2025

8.1 The Committee considered the Land Transaction Tax (Modification of Special Tax Sites Relief) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2025 and agreed not to report.

Break

9 Financial implications of the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Evidence session

9.1 The Committee took evidence on the financial implications of the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill from Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language; Helen John, Deputy Director, Licensing of Visitor Accommodation, Welsh Government; Rebecca Hawkins, Legislative Policy Adviser, Licensing of Visitor Accommodation, Welsh Government; and Andrew Hobden, Economist, Welsh Government.

10 Financial implications of the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.