

Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 8 May 2013**

Meeting time: **09:30 – 11:15**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies (Chair)

Peter Black

Christine Chapman

Paul Davies

Mike Hedges

Ann Jones

Julie Morgan

Witnesses:

Committee Staff:

Gareth Price (Clerk)

Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)

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1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Ieuan Wyn Jones. There were no substitutions.

2. Papers to note

2.1 The Committee noted the letter from Community Housing Cymru and the Welsh Government response to Invest-to-Save.

2.2 The Committee noted the minutes from the meeting on 24 April.

3. Motion under the Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

4. Enterprise Zones – Consideration of draft terms of reference

4.1 The Committee agreed the draft terms of reference and to undertake a visit to St Athans Enterprise Zone on 22 May.

4.2 The Committee also expressed an interest in visiting other Enterprise Zones in Wales in the near future.

4.3 The Committee asked Research Service to provide a comparative study paper on previously and recently established Enterprise Zones.

4.4 The clerking team agreed to provide the transcript of the previous session on Enterprise Zones undertaken by the Enterprise and Business Committee on 29 November 2012.

5. Preventative Spending – Options Paper

5.1 The Committee discussed the options paper and agreed to undertake a focussed approach to preventative spending. The two preferred options were:

- To use preventative spending as the focus for draft budget scrutiny.
- To look at a specific policy area of Welsh Government following the budget. Eg anti-poverty work.

6. Financial implications of the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill

6.1 The Committee discussed the Research Service paper on financial implications of the Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Bill and agreed that the financial and accountancy aspects relating to the Bill were of particular interest.

6.2 The Committee Clerk agreed to write to the Welsh Government to determine which Minister to invite to Committee to address these wider issues.

6.3 Committee requested that the Research Service provide a detailed breakdown on the annual costs in the FE and HE Bill and how these were calculated; a definition on what constitutes a non-profit organisation; and a paper on the different approaches adopted in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland in their classification of Further Education Institutions (FEIs).

7. Asset Management – (Public Services Leadership Group) Demonstration of its E-Pims system

7.1 The Public Services Leadership Group demonstrated its E-Pims system to the Committee.