

# Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 21 May 2015**

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Meeting time: **09.00 – 10.31**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair)**  
**Peter Black AM**  
**Christine Chapman AM**  
**Mike Hedges AM**  
**Alun Ffred Jones AM**  
**Ann Jones AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**Nick Ramsay AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office**  
**Kevin Thomas, Wales Audit Office**  
**Gillian Body, Assistant Auditor General, Wales Audit Office**

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### Committee Staff:

**Bethan Davies (Clerk)**  
**Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Martin Jennings (Researcher)**  
**Helen Jones (Researcher)**  
**Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)**

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## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 No apologies were received.

## **2 Papers to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

## **3 Auditor General for Wales Annual Plan 2015–16**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Kevin Thomas and Gillian Body, Wales Audit Office.

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

4.1 The Motion was agreed.

## **5 Auditor General for Wales Annual Plan 2015–16: Consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to write to the Wales Audit Office for further information.

5.2 The Committee also agreed to write to the Welsh Local Government Association and the Welsh Government.

## **6 Collection and management of devolved taxes in Wales: Consideration of draft report**

6.1 The Committee agreed the draft report with some minor amendments.

## **7 Renting Homes (Wales) Bill: Consideration of the Committee's response**

7.1 The Committee agreed the draft letter.

## **8 Environment (Wales) Bill: Initial consideration**

8.1 The Committee considered the financial implications of the Environment (Wales) Bill and agreed to invite the Minister for Natural Resources in for further scrutiny.

## **9 Historic Environment (Wales) Bill: Initial consideration**

9.1 The Committee considered the financial implications of the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill and agreed that it would not undertake any further financial scrutiny on the Bill.

9.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Chair of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee.

## **10 Welsh Tax Forecasts**

10.1 The Committee agreed to return to the issue at the next meeting.