

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue:

**Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: Thursday, 3 November  
2016

Meeting time: 09.01 – 15.36

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Mike Hedges AM Eluned Morgan AM David Rees AM Steffan Lewis AM Nick Ramsay AM Mark Reckless AM
Witnesses:	Isobel Garner, Wales Audit Office Steve O'Donoghue, Wales Audit Office Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office Kevin Thomas, Wales Audit Office Natasha Davies, Chwarae Teg Anne Meikle, WWF Cymru Toby Roxburgh, WWF-UK Vanessa Young, Welsh NHS Confederation



	<p>Gary Doherty, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board</p> <p>Eifion Williams, Powys Teaching Health Board</p> <p>Steve Webster, Cwm Taf University Health Board</p> <p>Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government</p> <p>Andrew Hewitt, Welsh Government</p> <p>Gareth McMahon, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Bethan Davies (Clerk)</p> <p>Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Martin Jennings (Researcher)</p> <p>Owen Holzinger (Researcher)</p> <p>Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Lakshmi Narain (Technical Adviser)</p>

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

## **3 Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales's estimate of income and expenses: Evidence session**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Isobel Garner, Chair of the Wales Audit Office, Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Kevin Thomas, Director of Corporate Services and Steven O'Donoghue, Director of Finance, 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 Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales estimate of income and expenses: Consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

#### **6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Evidence session 2**

6.1 The Committee took evidence from Natasha Davies, Policy Partner, Chwarae Teg, Anne Meikle, Head of WWF Cymru, and Toby Roxburgh, Applied Economics Specialist, WWF UK.

#### **7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Evidence session 3**

7.1 The Committee took evidence from Vanessa Young, Director of the Welsh NHS Confederation, Gary Doherty, Chief Executive, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (representing all NHS Wales Chief Executives), Eifion Williams, Director of Finance, Powys Teaching Health Board (representing NHS Wales Directors of Finance) and Steve Webster, Director of Finance /Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Cwm Taf University Health Board.

7.2 The NHS Confederation agreed to:

- confirm whether 3 or 5 per cent of people working in health and social care in Wales are EU citizens; and

- ask the National Procurement Service whether it is seeing any impact of increased prices through exchange rate changes or in terms of inflation.

## **8 Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales)**

### **Bill: Ministerial evidence session**

8.1 The Committee took evidence from Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Andrew Hewitt, Policy Manager, Welsh Government and Gareth McMahon, Government Lawyer, Welsh Government.

## **9 Land Transaction Tax and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales)**

### **Bill: Consideration of evidence**

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **10 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Consideration of evidence**

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.