

Agenda – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Committee Room 3 – Senedd	Bethan Davies
Meeting date: Thursday, 17 November 2016	Committee Clerk 0300 200 6372
Meeting time: 10.00	SeneddFinance@assembly.wales

- 1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18 Stakeholder Event:
Theatr Soar, Merthyr Tydfil**
(10.00–12.00)

13.45–14.00 Informal pre-meeting

- 2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of
interest**
(14.00)

- 3 Paper(s) to note**
(14.00) (Pages 1 – 8)

**Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government – Second
Supplementary Budget 2016–17 – 9 November 2016**

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- 4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Evidence session 6**
(14.00–16.00) (Pages 10 – 38)

Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government
Margaret Davies, Deputy Director – Strategic Budgeting, Welsh Government
Andrew Jeffreys, Director – Treasury, Welsh Government



- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and the meetings on 23 November 2016, 1 December 2016 and 7 December 2016**
(16.00)
- 6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Consideration of evidence**
(16.00–16.30)
- 7 Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales estimate of income and expenses 2017–18: Consideration of draft report**
(16.30–16.45) (Pages 39 – 54)

Paper 1 – Draft report Wales Audit Office Estimate 17–18

- 8 Legislative Consent Memorandum: Criminal Finances Bill**
(16.45–17.00) (Pages 55 – 59)

Paper 2 – Legislative Consent Memorandum: Criminal Finances Bill

Paper 3 – Legislative Consent Memorandum: Criminal Finances Bill – Legal advice

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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.

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 November
2016

Meeting time: 09.20 – 12.11

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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
Witnesses:	Huw David, Welsh Local Government Association Anthony Hunt, Welsh Local Government Association Mari Thomas, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Jon Rae, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Professor Marcus Longley, University of South Wales David Robinson, Community Links Anita Charlesworth, Health Foundation Professor Ceri Phillips, Swansea University
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk)



	Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Mark Reckless AM.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Evidence session 4

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Mari Thomas, Finance Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), Jon Rae, Director of Resources, WLGA, Councillor Huw David (Leader, Bridgend County Borough Council), WLGA Spokesperson for Health and Social Care and Councillor Anthony Hunt (Deputy Leader, Torfaen County Borough Council), WLGA Deputy Spokesperson for Finance and Resources.

3.2 The WLGA agreed to provide a note on its assessment of the sufficiency of the 2017–18 budget to deal with the Public Health (Wales) Bill.

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Evidence session 5

4.1 The Committee took evidence from David Robinson, OBE, Senior Advisor, Community Links, Professor Ceri Phillip, Professor of Health Economics, Swansea University, Professor Marcus Longley, Director of the Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care and Professor of Applied Health Policy, University of South Wales and Anita Charlesworth, Director of Research and Economics, Health Foundation.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Public Services Ombudsman: Estimate of income and expenses 2017–18: Consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee agreed the report with minor amendments.

8 Devolution of fiscal powers to Wales

8.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government and agreed to undertake a short inquiry on the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 in the New Year.

9 Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Bill: Consideration of expert advice

9.1 The Committee considered a paper on expert advice for the Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Bill and decided not to appoint an expert adviser.



Simon Thomas AM,
Chair, Finance Committee,
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9 November 2016

Dear Simon,

In line with established practice I intend to publish a Second Supplementary Budget for 2016-17. This letter is advanced notice of my intention which will allow you to plan for the appropriate scrutiny.

The main purpose of the Second Supplementary Budget will be to reflect budgetary changes since the First Supplementary Budget 2016-17, which was published by the Welsh Government in June. It will also set out a number of allocations from our reserves, transfers between Welsh Government portfolios, transfers with UK Government Departments and will include revised Annually Managed Expenditure forecasts.

I intend to table the Second Supplementary Budget for 2016-17 on 7 February. The budget will also be published on the Welsh Government internet site the same day.

Given the spring recess, I have agreed to delay moving the Second Supplementary Budget by a week until 7 March. This provides the three-week period outlined in Standing Orders.

I hope you find this update helpful.

Best wishes,

Mark

Mark Drakeford AC / AM

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyllid a Llywodraeth Leol

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

Agenda Item 4

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