

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 19 July 2017

Meeting time: 09.02 – 11.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM Eluned Morgan AM David Rees AM Steffan Lewis AM Nick Ramsay AM
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government Andrew Hobden, Welsh Government Jonathan Price, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)



	Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)
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The Committee resolved on 13 July 2017 to exclude the public from items 1–3 of the meeting.

1 Consideration of the approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government draft budget 2018–19

1.1 The Committee agreed its approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget for 2018–19.

1.2 The Committee agreed to hold a public consultation on proposals for the draft budget to steer the Committee’s scrutiny, to be held over the Summer Recess.

2 Consideration of the Draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill

2.1 The Committee agreed to proceed with the introduction of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill.

3 Oversight of the Wales Audit Office: Appointment of the Auditor General for Wales

3.1 The Committee considered the appointment process for the next Auditor General for Wales.

4 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

4.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

5 Paper(s) to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

6 Inquiry into the financial estimates accompanying legislation: Evidence session 10 (Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government)

6.1 The Committee took evidence from Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government; Jonathan Price – Chief Economist, Welsh Government; and Andrew Hobden – Economic Appraisal and Analysis Team, Welsh Government.

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

7.1 The motion was agreed.

8 Inquiry into the financial estimates accompanying legislation: Consideration of key issues

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and the key issues arising from the inquiry.

9 Implementation of the Wales Act 2017: Principal appointed day

9.1 The Committee considered the proposed principal appointed day and agreed to respond to the Llywydd.