

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 5 July 2018

Meeting time: 09.05 – 11.27

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM Jane Hutt AM David Rees AM Mark Reckless AM
Witnesses:	Alison Gerrard, Wales Audit Office Matthew Hockridge, Wales Audit Office Steve O'Donoghue, Wales Audit Office Martin Peters, Wales Audit Office Huw Vaughan Thomas CBE, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)



1 Welsh Government First Supplementary Budget 2018–19:

Consideration of draft report

1.1 The Committee agreed the report with minor changes.

1.2 Mark Reckless AM absented himself from this item.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1 Apologies were received from Steffan Lewis AM and Nick Ramsay AM.

2.2 The Chair welcomed Mark Reckless AM who attended as a substitute for Nick Ramsay AM.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 The paper was noted.

4 Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales's Annual Report and Accounts 2017–18 and Annual Plan for 2018–19: Evidence session

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales; Alison Gerrard, Board Member, Wales Audit Office; Steve O'Donoghue, Director of Finance, Wales Audit Office and Matthew Hockridge, Head of Planning and Reporting, Wales Audit Office on the Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales's Annual Report and Accounts 2017–18 and Annual Plan for 2018–19.

5 Consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013: Evidence session

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales; Alison Gerrard, Board Member, Wales Audit Office; Steve O'Donoghue, Director of Finance, Wales Audit Office; and Martin Peters, Head of Law and Ethics, Wales Audit Office on the consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013.

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

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales's Annual Report and Accounts 2017–18 and Annual Plan for 2018–19: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013: Consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

9 Consideration of the appointment of the Auditor General for Wales

9.1 The Committee agreed the accounting officer memorandum and noted the terms and conditions and remuneration arrangements for the next Auditor General for Wales.

10 Approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2019–20

10.1 The Committee agreed its approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget for 2019–20.

10.2 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.

11 Consideration of a legislative budget process

11.1 The Committee noted the paper and considered the next steps.

12 Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft report

12.1 The Committee agreed the report.

12.2 Mark Reckless AM absented himself from this item.