

Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: **Thursday, 6 October 2011**

Meeting time: **09:30 – 11:50**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies (Chair)
Peter Black
Christine Chapman
Paul Davies
Mike Hedges
Ann Jones
Julie Morgan
Ieuan Wyn Jones

Witnesses:

Angela Burns
O'Donoghue, Head of Assembly Resources
Tyndall, Ombudsman for Wales
Susan Hudson, Policy and Communication Manager
Malcolm MacDonald, Financial Advisor

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Eleanor Roy (Researcher)
Susan Morgan (Legal Advisor)

1. Apologies and substitutions

1.1 Peter Black declared an interest as a Member of the Assembly Commission.

2. Scrutiny of Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2012–2013 Assembly Commission

2.1 The Committee welcomed Angela Burns, Assembly Member; Claire Clancy, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Assembly; and Steve O'Donoghue, Head of Assembly Resources.

2.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Action point:

The Assembly Commission agreed to provide:

- Further information on how the Commission monitors the education service, in particular its external activities.
- Further information on the roles of the staff who accepted voluntary severance during the last voluntary exit scheme and the nature of their employment.
- The latest Management Board financial report.

3. Scrutiny of Public Service Ombudsman for Wales draft estimates Public Service Ombudsman for Wales

3.1 The Committee welcomed Peter Tyndall, Public Service Ombudsman for Wales; Susan Hudson, Policy & Communications Manager; and Malcolm MacDonald, Financial Adviser.

3.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

Action points:

The Public Service Ombudsman for Wales agreed to provide:

- Further information on the nature of complaints made against County Councillors.

PRIVATE SESSION

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the meeting for items 4 and 5 in accordance with Standing Order 17.42(vi).

4. Members' consideration of evidence taken during the meeting

4.1 Members discussed the evidence received in the meeting.

5. Draft report on the Welsh Government's proposal to change the draft budget motion 2012–2013

5.1 The Committee agreed its draft report on the Welsh Government's proposal to change the draft budget motion 2012–2013, which would be published shortly.

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