

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 19 September
2019

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.17

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Llyr Gruffydd AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Alun Davies AM Mike Hedges AM Nick Ramsay AM Mark Reckless AM
Witnesses:	Dr Joachim Werner, London School of Economics
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Samantha Williams (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore.



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2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 Letter from Llywydd to Chair of Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee – Voting rights for prisoners 23 July 2019

2.2 Letter from Minister for Finance and Trefnydd – Statement of Principles for Directly Funded Bodies – 19 July 2019

2.3 Letter from Minister for Finance and Trefnydd to Mike Hedges – Financial transactions capital – 16 August 2019

2.4 Letter from the Welsh Government to the Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP – Written evidence to Treasury Committee inquiry into regional imbalances in UK economy – 9 August 2019

2.5 Letter from Future Generations Commissioner – Involvement in first Future Generations Report – 9 August 2019

2.6 Response from Minister for Finance and Trefnydd to Committee's report on Scrutiny of Welsh Government First Supplementary Budget 2019–20 – 19 August 2019

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from part of the meeting (Items 4–9 and 11–12)

3.1 The motion was approved.

4 Consideration of scoping paper on retention payments in the construction sector

4.1 The Committee considered the scoping paper on retention payments in the construction sector and agreed the approach for the inquiry.

5 Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill: Consideration of correspondence

5.1 The Committee considered the correspondence on the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill.

6 Wales Audit Office – Value for money study: Travel allowances

6.1 In accordance with Standing Order 18.11(ii), the Committee endorsed the proposed examination of the Wales Audit Office’s travel and subsistence arrangements under paragraph 35(7) of Schedule 1 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013.

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Appointment of expert adviser

7.1 The Committee agreed to appoint an expert adviser.

8 Consideration of forward work programme

8.1 The Committee considered the forward work programme.

9 Consideration of letter from the Llywydd – Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019 and amending Standing Orders

9.1 The Committee considered the letter from the Llywydd on the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act and agreed the amendments to Standing Orders.

10 Inquiry into a legislative budget process: Evidence session 4

10.1 The Committee received evidence from Dr Joachim Wehner, Associate Professor in Public Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science, on the legislative budget process.

11 Inquiry into a legislative budget process: Consideration of evidence

11.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

12 Letter from Minister for Finance and Trefnydd – timetable for Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21 – 13 September 2019

12.1 The Committee considered the letter and revised timetable for the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21.