

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Monday, 5 October 2020

<http://senedd.tv/en/6556>

Meeting time: 14.30 – 16.50

Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Nick Ramsay MS
Witnesses:	Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales David Meaden, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Chris Vinestock, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Senedd Suzy Davies MS, Commissioner Nia Morgan, Director of Finance
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)



	Martin Jennings (Researcher) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Finance Committee.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **FIN(5)-18-20 PTN 1 – Letter from the First Minister to the Llywydd: The Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 – 28 September 2020**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government: National Development Framework – 21 September 2020**

2.3 **PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Welsh Government's Tax Policy Work Plan for 2020-21 – 29 September 2020**

2.4 **PTN 4 – Letter from Audit Wales to the Chair of Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee: Local Government & Elections Bill – Legislative Competence – 30 September 2020**

3 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2021-22: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Suzy Davies MS, Commissioner for Budget and Governance; Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd; and Nia Morgan, Director of Finance on the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2021-22.

3.2 The Commission agreed to write to the Committee with further information on its Communication and Engagement strategy; and to provide further details on the restructuring of specific posts within the Engagement Directorate.

4 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimate 2021–22: Evidence session

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Improvement; and David Meaden, Financial Accountant on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimate 2021–22.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and the start of the Committee meeting on 12 October.

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimate 2021–22: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2021–22: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.