

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 2 November
2020

Meeting time: 14.20 – 17.30

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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:	Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales, Lindsay Foyster, Audit Wales Nicola Evans, Wales Audit Office Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Matthew Denham-Jones, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

1.2 The Chair noted that Mark Reckless MS has left the Committee and thanked him for his contribution to the Committee's work.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill – 21 October 2020**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from the Chair of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee to Audit Wales: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill – section 118 – 27 October 2020**

2.3 **PTN 3 – Letter from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Llywydd: Scrutiny of Covid-19 regulations – 22 October 2020**

2.4 **PTN 4 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales to the Minister for Health and Social Services: NHS Complaints data – 27 October 2020**

3 Oversight of the Wales Audit Office – Scrutiny of the Estimate 2021–22 and Interim Report: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales; Lindsay Foyster, Chair of the Wales Audit Office; and Nicola Evans, Head of Finance, Audit Wales on the Scrutiny of the Estimate 2021–22 and Interim Report.

4 Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2020–21: Evidence session

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd; Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury; and Matthew Denham–Jones, Deputy Director Financial Controls on the Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2020–21.

4.2 The Minister agreed to ask the Minister for Health and Social Services to write to the Committee with:

- a more detailed breakdown on the £800 million stabilisation package to help the Welsh NHS respond to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and
- a note on the ‘Test’ element of the Welsh Government’s ‘Test, Trace and Protect’ strategy, in particular, any likely changes to the ‘Test’ strategy and funding allocation in the near future.

5 UK Internal Market Bill: Evidence session

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd; Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury; and Matthew Denham–Jones, Deputy Director Financial Controls on the UK Internal Market Bill.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and for items 1 and 2 at the Committee meeting on 9 November

6. The Committee agreed to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

7 UK Internal Market Bill: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum.

**8 Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2020–21:
Consideration of evidence**

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

**9 Oversight of the Wales Audit Office – Scrutiny of the Estimate 2021–22
and Interim Report: Consideration of evidence**

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.