

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Monday, 21 September
2020

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Meeting time: 14.30 – 16.58

Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Assembly Members: | Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Nick Ramsay MS Mark Reckless MS |
| Witnesses: | Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales Isobel Everett, Audit Wales Georgina Haarhoff, Welsh Government Andrew Hobden, Welsh Government Kevin Thomas, Audit Wales Kirsty Williams MS, Minister for Education Sara James, Welsh Government |
| Committee Staff: | Bethan Davies (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) |



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| | Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (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.

1.2 Apologies were received from Siân Gwenllian MS.

2 Paper(s) to note

The minutes were noted.

3 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Kirsty Williams MS, Minister for Education; Georgina Haarhoff, Deputy Director, Curriculum, Bill – Senior Research Officer; Sara James, Head of Schools Research, Knowledge and Analytical Services; and Andrew Hobden, Economist, Economic Advice Division on the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill.

4 Oversight of the Wales Audit Office – Scrutiny of the Annual Report and Accounts 2019–20 and the Annual Plan 2020–21: Evidence session

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales; Isobel Everett, Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board, Audit Wales; and Kevin Thomas, Executive Director Corporate Services, Audit Wales on the Annual Report and Accounts 2019–20 and the Annual Plan 2020–21.

4.2 Audit Wales agreed to provide further details on the calculation of the payback period for the management restructure.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Oversight of the Wales Audit Office – Scrutiny of the Annual Report and Accounts 2019–20 and the Annual Plan 2020–21: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.