

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 9 November
2020

Meeting time: 14.31 – 17.35

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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:	Gerald Holtham, Cardiff Metropolitan University Ruth Stanier, HM Revenue & Customs Jackie McGeehan, HMRC Gareth Davies, The National Audit Office Darren Stewart, The National Audit Office Ben Rodin, The National Audit Office Lee Summerfield, National Audit Office
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)



	Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
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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 The Chair welcomed Mark Reckless MS who was elected as a member of the Finance Committee.

1.3 Apologies were received from Mark Reckless MS.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Update on the budget timetable for the Welsh Government's budget 2021–22 – 29 October 2020**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Commission's response to the Finance Committee's report on the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2021–22 – 4 November 2020**

3 Inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework – Evidence session 4

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Professor Gerry Holtham, Hodge Professor of Regional Economy, Cardiff Metropolitan University on its inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework.

4 Inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework – Evidence session 5

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Ruth Stanier, Director General, Customer Strategy and Tax Design, HM Revenue & Customs; and Jackie McGeehan, Deputy

Director of Income Tax Policy, HM Revenue & Customs on its inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 6, 7, 8 and 10.

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Second Supplementary Budget 2020–21: Consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee agreed the draft report with minor changes.

8 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimate 2021–22: Consideration of draft report

8.1 The Committee agreed the draft report.

9 Inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework – Evidence session 6

9.1 The Committee took evidence from Gareth Davies, Comptroller and Auditor General, National Audit Office; Darren Stewart, Director, National Audit Office; Lee Summerfield, Director, National Audit Office; and Ben Rodin, Audit Manager, National Audit Office.

10 Inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework: Consideration of evidence

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.