

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Thursday, 16 December
2021

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Meeting time: 13.00 – 14.25

Remote

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS
Witnesses:	Michelle Morris, preferred candidate for Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Owain Davies (Researcher) Catherine McKeag (Secretariat) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)



Private pre-meeting – Informal (12.45–13.00)

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 Rhianon Passmore MS.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Llywydd to the Minister for Finance and Local Government – The Valuation for Rating (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 – 25 November 2021

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly's Audit Committee: Consideration of Thresholds for In-Year Monitoring: Northern Ireland Assembly Commission – 29 November 2021

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee – Petition P-05-1078 Increase funding for mental health services and improve waiting times for people needing help in crisis. We need a change! – 2 December 2021

3 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Pre-nomination hearing

3.1 The Committee conducted a Pre-nomination Hearing of the preferred candidate for the position of Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, Michelle Morris.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting.

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Consideration of pre-nomination hearing

5.1 The Committee considered the appropriateness of the preferred candidate.

6 Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill – Approach to scrutiny

6.1 The Committee agreed its approach to Stage 1 scrutiny of the Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Bill.

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23 – Citizens Engagement

7.1 The Committee considered the consultation responses and a summary of its engagement work.