

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 4 Ty Hywel and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Thursday, 29 September 2022

Meeting time: 09.30 – 14.21

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Jayne Bryant MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS)
Witnesses:	Jonathan Price, Welsh Government Matt Wellington, Welsh Government Lisa Daniels-Griffiths, Welsh Government Natasha Davies, Chwarae Teg Rhiannon Hardiman, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner Alex Chapman, New Economics Foundation Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Emma Watkins, Welsh Government



	<p>Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change</p> <p>Gian Marco Currado, Welsh Government</p> <p>Louise Clarke, Welsh Government</p> <p>Richard Clark, Welsh Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Owain Roberts (Clerk)</p> <p>Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Georgina Owen (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Martin Jennings (Researcher)</p> <p>Christian Tipples (Researcher)</p>

At its meeting on 22 September, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from the start of today's meeting.

Registration (09.15–09.30)

1 Consideration of Forward Work Programme

1.1 The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme.

2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Technical briefing: Chief Economist

2.1 The Committee received an economic update from Jonathan Price, Chief Economist.

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Technical briefing: Budget Improvement Plan

3.1 The Committee received a briefing on the Budget Improvement Plan from Welsh Government officials.

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Technical briefing: Gender Budgeting

4.1 The Committee received a briefing on gender budgeting from Natasha Davies, Chwarae Teg.

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Technical briefing: Green Budgeting

5.1 The Committee received a briefing on green budgeting from Rhiannon Hardiman, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and Alex Chapman, New Economics Foundation.

Break (11.45–12.00)

Public

6 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

6.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Finance Committee.

6.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. Jayne Bryant MS attended as a substitute.

7 Paper(s) to note

7.1 The paper was noted.

8 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Pre-budget scrutiny

8.1 The Committee took evidence from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government; and Welsh Government officials in a pre-budget session on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24.

8.2 The Minister for Finance and Local Government agreed:

- To ask the relevant Minister(s) to provide the Committee with further detail on the effect of inflation and the value of the pound on the Welsh Government's Capital Programme.

9 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 10 and 12

9.1 The motion was agreed.

10 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 – Pre-budget scrutiny: Consideration of evidence

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

Public

11 Financial implications of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill

11.1 The Committee took evidence from Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change; and Welsh Government officials on the Financial implications of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill.

Private

12 Financial implications of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

12.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.