

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 3, Senedd and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Thursday, 12 January 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 14.30

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	David Phillips, Institute for Fiscal Studies Ed Poole, Wales Governance Centre Guto Ifan, Wales Governance Centre Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales Rhiannon Hardiman, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner Alex Chapman, New Economics Foundation Dr Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation Luke Young, Citizens Advice Natasha Davies, Chwarae Teg Richard Hughes, Office for Budget Responsibility



	<p>Andy King, Office of Budget Responsibility</p> <p>Professor David Miles, Office for Budget Responsibility</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>Owen Holzinger (Researcher)</p> <p>Christian Tipples (Researcher)</p> <p>Božo Lugonja (Researcher)</p> <p>Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)</p>

Registration (09.00–09.15)

Private pre-meeting – Informal (09.15–09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response**

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Evidence session 2

3.1 The Committee took evidence from David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies; Dr Ed Poole, Senior Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal

Analysis); and Guto Ifan, Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis) on scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24.

Break (10.30–10.40)

4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Evidence session 3

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales; Rhiannon Hardiman, Change Maker Future Generations Commissioner for Wales and Alex Chapman, Senior Researcher, New Economics Foundation on scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24.

Break (11.25–11.35)

5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Evidence session 4

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Victoria Winckler, Director, Bevan Foundation; Luke Young, Assistant Director, Citizens Advice Cymru; and Natasha Davies, Policy and Research Lead, Chwarae Teg on scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 7,9,10,11 and 12

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Evidence session 5

The Committee took evidence from Richard Hughes, Chairman, Office for Budget Responsibility; Andy King, Budget Responsibility Committee member, Office for Budget Responsibility; and Professor David Miles, Budget Responsibility Committee member,

Office for Budget Responsibility on scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24.

9 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24:

Consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

10 Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2023–24

10.1 The Committee approved the Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2023–24, under Standing Orders 18.10(x) in accordance with section 24(7) of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013.

11 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No. 3) (SLCM) – UK Infrastructure Bank Bill

11.1 The Committee considered the SLCM and agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Local and Government.

12 Financial implications of the Food (Wales) Bill

12.1 The Committee considered the supporting documents and agreed to scrutinise the financial implications of the Food (Wales) Bill.