

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Thursday, 19 January 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 14.52

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Russell George MS
Witnesses:	Sally May, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Darren Hughes, Welsh NHS Confederation Alwyn Jones, Association of Directors of Social Services Dave Street, Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS) Jon Rae, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Lis Burnett, Vale of Glamorgan Council Anthony Hunt, Torfaen County Borough Council Llinos Medi, Isle of Anglesey County Council Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local



	<p>Government</p> <p>Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government</p> <p>Emma Watkins, 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>Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)</p> <p>Owen Holzinger (Researcher)</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.

1.2 Russell George MS attended as a substitute for Peter Fox MS for items 1 and 2. Peter Fox MS attended for the remainder of the meeting.

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Evidence session 6

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Sally May, Executive Director of Finance Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board; Darren Hughes, Director, Welsh NHS Confederation; Alwyn Jones, President, Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru (ADSS Cymru); and Dave Street, Corporate Director of Social Services and Housing, Caerphilly County Borough Council on scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24.

Break (10.30–10.40)

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Evidence session 7

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Jon Rae, Director of Resources, Welsh Local Government Association; Cllr Anthony Hunt, Leader, Torfaen County Borough Council; Cllr Llinos Medi, Leader, Isle of Anglesey County Council; and Cllr Lis Burnett, Leader, Vale of Glamorgan Council on scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 5,7 and 8; and the next meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

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

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

Lunch (11.55–12.45)

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

6.1 The Committee took evidence from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government; Andrew Jeffreys, Director, Treasury; and Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget & Government Business on scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24.

6.2 The Minister for Finance and Local Government agreed to provide:

- Information about the rate of borrowing the Welsh Government gets from the Public Works Loan Board.

6.3 The Minister for Finance and Local Government said the Minister for Health and Social Services would provide the following:

- NHS Boards financial positions;
- Ways in which the NHS can be more efficient;
- Take-up of invest-to-save and other related initiatives by Local Health Boards to improve energy efficiencies.

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

Consideration of evidence / Key issues

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and the key issues.

8 Consideration of the Landfill Disposals Tax (Tax Rates) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

8.1 The Committee considered the tax regulations.