

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 26 April 2023

Meeting time: 09.00 – 10.56

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS John Griffiths MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS)
Witnesses:	Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change Olwen Spiller, Welsh Government Roger Herbert, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)

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 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS.

1.3 John Griffiths MS attended as a substitute for Rhianon Passmore MS for items 1 to 5.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: Welsh Government response – 6 March 2023
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Payment from the UK Contingencies Fund – 9 March 2023
- 2.3 PTN 3– Letter from the Minister for Social Justice: Update on the humanitarian support for Ukraine – 16 March 2023
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Minister for Education and the Welsh Language: Impact of inflation on the schools and education programme – 20 March 2023
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: Additional Funding for the NHS – 24 March 2023
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter form the First Minister: Royal Assent of the Environmental Protection (Single–use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill – 22 March 2023
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee: Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill – 9 March 2023
- 2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill – 24 March 2023
- 2.9 PTN 9 – Letter from the UK Government Parliamentary Under–Secretary of State to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee: Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill – 22 March 2023
- 2.10 PTN 10 – Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2023–2024 – Updated Senedd Commission response – 30 March 2023
- 2.11 PTN 11 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Local Government Settlement – 3 April 2023

2.12 PTN 12 – Letter from the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill – Updated Explanatory Memorandum – 28 February 2023

2.13 PTN 13 – Letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd: Food (Wales) Bill

3 Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Financial Implications of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill from Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change; Olwen Spiller, Deputy Head of Environmental Protection; and Roger Herbert, Head of Air Quality Monitoring, Evidence and Assessment.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the meeting on 24 May

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Review of Statement of Principles

6.1 The Committee considered the paper and agreed its approach to reviewing the Statement of Principles.

6.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Local Government, and the Directly Funded Bodies, to seek their views on the current Statement of Principles.