

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Thursday, 5 October 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.57

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Ken Skates MS, Commissioner Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk Kate Innes, Chief Finance Officer
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)



Registration (09.30–09.45)

Private Pre-meeting (09.45–10.00)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

1.2 Mike Hedges MS declared that he is the Chair of the Senedd's Cross-Party Group on the Public & Commercial Service Union (PCS).

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the First Minister to the Llywydd: Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023 – 21 September 2023**

2.2 **PTN 2– Letter from the Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee: Budget timetable 2024–25 – 21 September 2023**

2.3 **PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee Meeting – 27 September 2023**

2.4 **PTN 4 – Letter from the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd: Cost of living payment 2023–24 – 29 September 2023**

3 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2024–25 from Ken Skates MS, Commissioner for Budget and Governance; Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd; and Kate Innes, Chief Finance Officer.

3.2 The Senedd Commission agreed to provide further information on:

- the Senedd Commission's staff survey;

- the Senedd Commission's Project Fund portfolio;
- car parking costs; and
- Senedd engagement activity.

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 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2024–25: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Infrastructure (Wales) Bill – Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered the draft report on the Financial Implications of the Infrastructure (Wales) Bill and agreed it with minor changes.

7 Review of Statement of Principles

7.1 The Committee considered the draft letter on the Review of the Statement of Principles and agreed it minor changes.