

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 13 March 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.58

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Philip Rycroft, Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Cerian Jones (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



Registration

Private Pre-meeting

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 – Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Welsh Government's response to the Finance Committee's report – 1 March 2024

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 4 March 2024

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution: Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement – Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee – 5 March 2024

2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Act 2022 – 6 March 2024

3 Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations: Evidence session 1

3.1 The Committee took evidence on its inquiry into Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations from Philip Rycroft, Member of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales.

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 Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

5.2 The Committee agreed to write to Philip Rycroft with some additional questions regarding fiscal intergovernmental relations.

6 Financial implications of the Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered its draft report on the Financial implications of the Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill and agreed it with minor changes.

7 Financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) (Wales) Bill

7.1 The Committee considered the paper on the Financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) (Wales) Bill.

8 Consideration of Forward Work Programme

8.1 The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme.

9 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Approach to engagement

9.1 The Committee considered the paper on the approach to engagement in relation to scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26.