

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 9 May 2024

Meeting time: 10.30 – 12.35

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## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer & Director of Improvement, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser & Director of Investigations, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Cerian Jones (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)



## **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 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office: Approach to the publication of supplementary budgets – 29 April 2024**

#### **3 Review into the operations, processes and investigations carried out by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Evidence session**

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Review into the operations, processes and investigations carried out by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales, from Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer & Director of Improvement; and Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser & Director of Investigations.

#### **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 Review into the operations, processes and investigations carried out by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales requesting that she provides an update on the progress of the review prior to the summer recess.

## **6 Update on the Wales Audit Office Board Membership**

6.1 The Committee considered the cover paper, and the draft terms and conditions document; and agreed the action points included in the cover paper.