

# Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 - Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 18 April 2013**

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Meeting time: **13: - 15:00**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Jocelyn Davies (Chair)**  
**Peter Black**  
**Christine Chapman**  
**Paul Davies**  
**Mike Hedges**  
**Ann Jones**  
**Julie Morgan**  
**Ieuan Wyn Jones**

### Witnesses:

**Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance**  
**Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Local Government and Government Business**  
**Sioned Evans, Welsh Government**  
**Piers Bisson, Public Service Reform Division**  
**Deborah Paramore, Public Service Reform Team**

### Committee Staff:

**Gareth Price (Clerk)**  
**Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Eleanor Roy (Researcher)**

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

## 2. Asset Management - Evidence from the Welsh Government

2.1 The Chair welcomed Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Local Government and Government Business; Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance; Sioned Evans, Deputy Director, Property Division; and Deborah Paramore, Programme Manager, Public Service Reform Team.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the Ministers.

Action points:

The Welsh Government agreed to provide:

- An update on savings received from the Location Strategy and the management of the administrative estate;
- Further information on what the Welsh Government is doing to improve the reliability and consistency of reporting information to enable benchmarking and performance management;
- Examples of where successful Invest to Save bids have been used to address Asset Management issues;
- Savings made by using the National Assets Working Group approach, proportionate to savings made by the Scottish Futures Trust model.

### **3. Papers to note**

3.1 The Committee noted the minutes from the previous meeting.

### **4. Motion under the Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business**

### **5. Consideration of Evidence on Asset Management**

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence on its inquiry into Asset Management.