

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.13

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Sam Rowlands MS Mick Antoniw MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS)
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government Anna Adams, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy and Intergovernmental Relations, Welsh Government Emma Anderson, Solicitor, Education (Schools), Culture, Media, Sport & Tourism Team, Legal Services Department, Welsh Government David Greenhough, Head of Visitor Levy, Tax Strategy and Intergovernmental Relations, Welsh Government Nick Lambert, Senior Lawyer, Treasury and Procurement Team, Legal Services Department, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk)



	Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)
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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.

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. Mick Antoniw MS substituted for Rhianon Passmore MS.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Expert Advisory Group on Childcare (EAGC) to the Minister for Children and Social Care – 27 January 2025
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: HS2 Funding – 4 February 2025
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from Audit Wales: National Insurance uplift 2025–26 – 4 February 2025
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Memorandum of understanding – The use of UK government funding for city and regional growth deals – 5 February 2025
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Response from the Welsh Local Government Association to a question that wasn't reached during an evidence session on the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill – 6 February 2025

3 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 11

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill from Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government; Anna Adams, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy and Intergovernmental Relations; Nicholas Lambert, Senior Lawyer, Treasury and Procurement Team, Legal Services Department; Emma Anderson, Solicitor, Education (Schools), Culture, Media, Sport & Tourism Team, Legal Services Department; and David Greenhough, Head of Visitor Levy, Tax Strategy and Intergovernmental Relations.

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 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Consideration of key issues

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Membership of the Wales Audit Office Board: Changes to existing commitments

6.1 The Committee considered the paper and noted the notifications relating to the additional responsibilities undertaken by the Non-Executive Members of the Wales Audit Office Board.