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Chair of the Business Committee
By email

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Dear Llywydd ,

Welsh Government Draft Budget Timetable 2026-27

Thank you for your letter seeking the views of the Committee on the proposed timetable for the scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget for 2026-27.

The Committee has long called for a two-stage budget process, and we welcome that the timetable provides more time this year for Senedd Committees to scrutinise the Welsh Government's taxation and spending plans.

Not only will this allow more time for stakeholders to respond to the Draft Budget proposals but it will also provide a stronger and more immediate link between the engagement work we have conducted on the Welsh Government's priorities in the summer term to date, ahead of the formal scrutiny of both the outline and detailed Draft Budget in the early autumn.

We also note your letter of 18 June asking for an update on the Committee's review of the Budget Process Protocol and related budgetary procedures. We considered this issue at our meeting on 26 June and wrote to the Cabinet Secretary outlining the issues on 1 July. We will write again to you once we have received a response to the points raised.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Finance Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

