

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 July 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.10

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Mike Hedges MS Sam Rowlands MS
Witnesses:	Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Katrin Shaw, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Božo Lugonja (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser) Masudah Ali (Legal Adviser)



At its meeting on 2 July, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from the start of today's meeting.

Registration

Private pre-meeting

1 Appointment of the Auditor General for Wales: Approach to recruitment

1.1 The Committee considered the papers in relation to the appointment of the Auditor General for Wales and agreed the actions within the cover paper.

2 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Approach to scrutiny

2.1 The committee considered the paper on the approach to Draft Budget scrutiny 2026–27 and agreed the actions within it.

3 Consideration of Forward Work Programme

3.1 The Committee considered its Forward Work Programme.

4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Engagement summary report

4.1 The Committee considered its Summary Engagement report and the two written submissions.

Public

5 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

5.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Finance Committee.

5.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. There was no substitute for Rhianon Passmore MS.

6 Paper(s) to note

6.1 The papers were noted.

6.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Draft Budget 2026–27 timetable – 1 July 2025

6.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Administration of devolved taxes in Wales – 1 July 2025

6.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Inter-Ministerial Group for Business and Industry meeting – 1 July 2025

7 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Evidence session 6

7.1 The Committee took evidence on the Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019 from Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; and Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser and Director of Investigations.

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting.

8.1 The motion was agreed.

9 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

10 Post-legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Consideration of key issues

10.1 The Committee considered the key issues.