

Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 26 June 2013**

Meeting time: **10:00 – 12:15**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

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

Witnesses:

Edwina Hart, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport,
Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science
Rob Hunter, Welsh Government
Tracey Burke, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Gareth Price (Clerk)
Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions.

1.2 The Chair thanked Ieuan Wyn Jones (who resigned as AM earlier this week) for his contribution to the Committee and wished him well for the future.

2 Motion under the Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business: Items 3, 4, 5 and 9

2.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

3 Financial implications of Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill – Discussion on correspondence from Deputy Minister for Social Services

3.1 The Committee discussed the correspondence.

3.2 The Finance Committee were dissatisfied with the answers they received from the Deputy Minister for Social Services on the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill and agreed to return to this issue once detailed figures became available.

3.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee to convey this point.

4 Approach to Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014–2015

4.1 The Committee considered the approach to the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014–2015.

4.2 The Clerk agreed to write to Committee Chairs recommending they hold stakeholder engagement events. These events will give stakeholders the opportunity to communicate their priorities on the draft budget proposals. Committees will also be encouraged to emulate Finance Committee's decision to adopt preventative spending as the focus for the scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2014–15.

4.3 The Clerk and Research Service agreed to contact the National Assembly Education Team to discuss the design of the engagement exercise for use at Summer Shows.

5 Forward Work Programme

5.1 The Committee discussed the Forward Work Programme.

5.2 The clerking team agreed to provide the Committee with a list of forthcoming Finance Committee meeting dates.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting on 12 June.

7 Inquiry into Enterprise Zones in Wales – Feedback on Committee visits to Anglesey and Haven Waterway Enterprise Zones

7.1 The Committee agreed to hold this item in private.

7.2 The Committee discussed the visits to Anglesey and Haven Waterway Enterprise Zones.

7.3 The Chair and Clerk agreed to provide a joint note on the Committee visit to Haven Waterway Enterprise Zone.

7.4 Ieuan Wyn-Jones will provide a note on the visit he undertook to Anglesey Enterprise Zone.

7.5 These notes will be made public as papers to note at a future meeting of the Finance Committee.

8 Inquiry into Enterprise Zones in Wales – Evidence from the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

8.1 The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport and her officials responded to questions from Committee. They agreed to provide the following information:

- Tracey Burke agreed to provide the publication date of Professor Dylan Jones–Evans’ second stage of his review on the availability of financing for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Wales.
- The Minister for Economy, Science and Technology agreed to provide a list of details on supply chain activity to date.

8.2 The Committee agreed to re–visit the topic of Enterprise Zones in Wales sometime in the future.

9 Consideration of evidence – Enterprise Zones

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence.

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