

Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 23 October 2013**

Meeting time: **09:30 – 12:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

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

Witnesses:

Mark Drakeford, Minister for Health and Social Services
Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance
Jeff Andrews, Welsh Government
Marc Osland, Welsh Government
Jo Salway, Welsh Government
Alun Lloyd, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Gareth Price (Clerk)
Fay Buckle (Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

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

2 National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill

2.1 The Committee received a briefing from Mark Drakeford AM, Minister for Health and Social Services on the National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill.

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014–15: Evidence from the Welsh Government

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Finance on the Welsh Government's draft budget for 2014-15.

Action Points

The Minister of Finance to write to the Committee in due course, with clarification on financial transaction arrangements, when the information is available from HM Treasury.

The Minister of Finance agreed to send a note on the overall level of debt in relation to innovative financing projects.

The Minister of Finance agreed to send a note on the non-dividend investment vehicle being used for the dualling of the A465.

In their post-meeting discussions the Committee also asked if they could receive the evidence on which decisions were made regarding the level of support for the Council tax reduction scheme, as at time of publication we were only half-way through 2013-14.

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014–2015

4.1 The Committee noted the paper.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Scrutiny of Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014–15: Review of Evidence Received

6.1 Members discussed the evidence received on the Welsh Government's draft budget.

7 National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 Order of Consideration

7.1 Members agreed that the Committee considers the amendments as per the default order of consideration.

