

Finance Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 21 January 2015**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 11.40**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair)
Peter Black AM
Christine Chapman AM
Mike Hedges AM
Alun Ffred Jones AM
Ann Jones AM
Julie Morgan AM
Nick Ramsay AM

Witnesses:

Nick Bennett
Katrin Shaw, Public Service Ombudsman for Wales Office
Susan Hudson, Policy and Communication Manager

Committee Staff:

Bethan Davies (Clerk)
Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)
Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Varney–Jackson (Legal Adviser)
Richard Bettley (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 There were no apologies.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Evidence Session 1

3.1 The Committee took evidence from the Ombudsman on its inquiry.

3.2 The Ombudsman agreed to provide the following:

- Follow up examples of where own-initiative powers have been used well in other countries.
- To outline what the precise relationship is between the complaints authority and the rest of the Scottish Ombudsman's office.

4 Motion under standing order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Discussion of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Best Practice Budget Process: Key Issues

6.1 The Committee considered the key issues of the Best Practice Budget Process report.

7 Report on the Wales Audit Office Fleet Car and Travel and Subsistence: Consideration of Draft Report

7.1 Members agreed the draft report subject to the inclusion of some additional information.

8 Initial Consideration of Qualifications (Wales) Bill

8.1 The Committee considered the financial implications of the Qualifications (Wales) Bill.

9 Initial consideration of Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill

9.1 The Committee considered the financial implications of the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill.

10 Consideration of Planning (Wales) Bill Letter

10.1 The Committee considered the letter.