

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 November
2016

Meeting time: 09.20 – 12.11

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Mike Hedges AM Eluned Morgan AM David Rees AM Steffan Lewis AM Nick Ramsay AM
Witnesses:	Huw David, Welsh Local Government Association Anthony Hunt, Welsh Local Government Association Mari Thomas, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Jon Rae, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Professor Marcus Longley, University of South Wales David Robinson, Community Links Anita Charlesworth, Health Foundation Professor Ceri Phillips, Swansea University
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk)



	Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Mark Reckless AM.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Evidence session 4

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Mari Thomas, Finance Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), Jon Rae, Director of Resources, WLGA, Councillor Huw David (Leader, Bridgend County Borough Council), WLGA Spokesperson for Health and Social Care and Councillor Anthony Hunt (Deputy Leader, Torfaen County Borough Council), WLGA Deputy Spokesperson for Finance and Resources.

3.2 The WLGA agreed to provide a note on its assessment of the sufficiency of the 2017–18 budget to deal with the Public Health (Wales) Bill.

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Evidence session 5

4.1 The Committee took evidence from David Robinson, OBE, Senior Advisor, Community Links, Professor Ceri Phillip, Professor of Health Economics, Swansea University, Professor Marcus Longley, Director of the Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care and Professor of Applied Health Policy, University of South Wales and Anita Charlesworth, Director of Research and Economics, Health Foundation.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2017–18: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Public Services Ombudsman: Estimate of income and expenses 2017–18: Consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee agreed the report with minor amendments.

8 Devolution of fiscal powers to Wales

8.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government and agreed to undertake a short inquiry on the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 in the New Year.

9 Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Bill: Consideration of expert advice

9.1 The Committee considered a paper on expert advice for the Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Bill and decided not to appoint an expert adviser.