

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Wednesday, 11 October
2017

Meeting time: 09.02 – 12.18

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM Eluned Morgan AM David Rees AM Nick Ramsay AM
Witnesses:	Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales David Meaden, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Office Chris Vinestock, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Dr Edward Jones, Bangor University Dr Helen Rogers, Bangor University Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Dyfed Alsop, Welsh Revenue Authority Julian Revell, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk)



	Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Ben Harris (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 Steffan Lewis AM.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The paper was noted.

2.1 PTN1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government:
Report on Outturn 2016–17 – 30 September 2017

3 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimates 2018–19: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer; and David Meaden, Financial Accountant on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales's Estimates 2018–19.

3.2 The Ombudsman agreed to provide further details on the proportion of upheld complaints in Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 5, 8 and 9

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimates 2018–19:

Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Welsh Government draft budget 2018–19: Evidence session 2 (Bangor University)

6.1 The Committee took evidence from Dr Edward Jones and Dr Helen Rogers from Bangor University on the Welsh Government’s draft budget 2018–19.

7 Welsh Government draft budget 2018–19: Evidence session 3 (Welsh Treasury)

7.1 The Committee took evidence from Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Treasury; Dyfed Alsop, Chief Executive, Welsh Revenue Authority; and Julian Revell, Head of Fiscal Analysis, Welsh Treasury on the Welsh Government’s draft budget 2018–19.

7.2 The Committee requested an update on the commitment made during Stage 2 of the Land Transaction and Anti-avoidance of Devolved Taxes (Wales) Bill, to produce a definitive Land Registry map of the Welsh border.

8 Welsh Government draft budget 2018–19: Consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

9 National Assembly for Wales Commission draft budget 2018–19: Consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received during last week’s session on the National Assembly for Wales Commission draft budget 2018–19.