

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 15 March 2018

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.39

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Neil Hamilton AM Jane Hutt AM Nick Ramsay AM David Rees AM
Witnesses:	Alison Gerrard, Wales Audit Office Anthony Barrett, Wales Audit Office Nicola Evans, Wales Audit Office Martin Peters, Wales Audit Office Ann-Marie Harkin, Wales Audit Office Suzy Davies AM, Commissioner Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Nia Morgan, Director of Finance
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk)



	Joanne McCarthy (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser) Gareth Howells (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 and Mike Hedges AM.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 PTN1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to the Chair – Horizon 2020 in Wales Annual Report 2017 – 7 March 2018

2.2 PTN2 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to the Chair – Capital Investment Bonds – 8 March 2018

2.3 PTN3 – Letter from the Assembly Commission to the Chair – Scrutiny of the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2018–19 – 9 March 2018

3 Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013: Evidence session (Wales Audit Office)

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Alison Gerrard, Board Member, Wales Audit Office; Anthony Barrett, Assistant Auditor General; Martin Peters, Head of Law and Ethics, Wales Audit Office; and Nicola Evans, Head of Finance, Wales Audit Office on the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 fee regime.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 5 and items 8–11

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Inquiry on the Remuneration Board's Determination Underspend: Evidence session 1 (Wales Audit Office)

6.1 The Committee took evidence from Anthony Barrett, Assistant Auditor General; and Ann-Marie Harkin, Financial Audit Lead for the audit of the Assembly Commission's accounts, Wales Audit Office in relation to its inquiry on the Remuneration Board's determination underspend.

7 Inquiry on the Remuneration Board's Determination Underspend: Evidence session 2 (Assembly Commission)

7.1 The Committee took evidence from Suzy Davies AM, Commissioner for Budget and Governance; Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk to the Assembly; and Nia Morgan, Director of Finance, Assembly Commission in relation to its inquiry on the Remuneration Board's determination underspend.

8 Inquiry on the Remuneration Board's Determination Underspend: Consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

9 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill: Consideration of Stage 1 Committee reports

9.1 The Committee considered the Stage 1 reports on the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill from the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee and the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee.

10 Assembly Procedure for Section 116C Orders in Council

10.1 The Committee considered a letter from the Business Committee regarding proposed changes to Standing Orders in relation to an Assembly Procedure for Section 116C Orders in Council and agreed to respond.

11 Devolution of fiscal powers to Wales: Consideration of draft report

11.1 The Committee agreed the draft report with minor changes.