

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 15 January
2020

Meeting time: 08.51 – 11.59

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Llyr Gruffydd AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Alun Davies AM Mike Hedges AM Rhianon Passmore AM Mark Reckless AM David Melding AM (In place of Nick Ramsay AM)
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Matt Wellington, Welsh Government David Phillips, Institute for Fiscal Studies Guto Ifan, Wales Governance Centre Cian Sion, Wales Governance Centre Michael Trickey, Cardiff University
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk)



	Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)
	Georgina Owen (Second Clerk)
	Samantha Williams (Deputy Clerk)
	Martin Jennings (Researcher)
	Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)
	Katie Wyatt (Legal Adviser)

1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Private briefing with expert adviser

1.1 The Committee received a private briefing from the Expert Advisor, Dr Edward Jones, Lecturer in Economics, Bangor University.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. David Melding AM attended as a substitute for Nick Ramsay AM.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.1 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services on the National Health Service (Indemnities) (Wales) Bill – 7 January 2020

3.2 Letter from the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services on the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill – 7 January 2020

3.3 Letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee on the Ministerial Direction for NHS pension arrangements 2019/20 – 8 January 2020

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Evidence session 6

4.1 The Committee received evidence from David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies; Guto Ifan, Research Associate, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University; Cian Sion, Research Assistant, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff

University; and Michael Trickey, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Wales Fiscal Analysis programme, Cardiff University.

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Evidence session 7

5.1 The Committee received evidence from Rebecca Evans, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd; Andrew Jeffreys, Director, Welsh Treasury; and Matthew Wellington, Head of Budget Delivery, Welsh Government.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the whole of the next meeting on 23 January 2020

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Consideration of letter from the Chair of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform – 16 December 2019

8.1 The Committee considered the letter and agreed to respond.

9 Consideration of the Landfill Disposals Tax (Tax Rates) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

9.1 The Committee noted the statutory instrument.