

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Friday, 8 January 2021

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.45

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Siân Gwenllian MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Nick Ramsay MS
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Margaret Davies, Welsh Government Matt Wellington, Welsh Government Anna Adams, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Finance Committee.

1.2 Apologies were received from Mark Reckless MS.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd to the Chair: Third Supplementary budget 2020–21 – 23 December 2020

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft budget 2021–22: Evidence session 1

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd; Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury, Welsh Government; Margaret Davies, Deputy Director of Strategic Budgeting, Welsh Government; Matt Wellington, Head of Budget Delivery, Welsh Government; and Anna Adams, Deputy Director, Head of Tax Strategy Policy and Engagement, on the scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft budget 2021–22.

3.2 The Minister for Finance and Trefnydd agreed to:

- provide an update on the work of the income tax working group;
- share the analysis of information gathered from all colleges on the impact of the personal learning accounts;
- share information on the costs of changing the criteria for free school meals; and
- share the analysis on the impact of creating a higher tax band for Non-residential property transactions.

4 Tax Statutory Instruments: Evidence session

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd; Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury, Welsh Government; Margaret Davies, Deputy Director of Strategic Budgeting, Welsh Government; Matt Wellington, Head of Budget Delivery, Welsh Government; and Anna Adams, Deputy Director, Head of Tax Strategy Policy and Engagement, on Tax Statutory Instruments.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft budget 2021–22: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Tax Statutory Instruments: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to report on the statutory instruments.

8 Consideration of draft letter to the Chief Secretary of the Treasury: Inquiry into the Fiscal Framework; and Comprehensive Spending Review

8.1 The Committee considered the draft letter.

9 Consideration of the Forward Work Programme

9.1 The Committee considered the forward work programme.