

Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 11 October 2012**

Meeting time: **09:15 – 13:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies (Chair)
Peter Black
Christine Chapman
Paul Davies
Mike Hedges
Ann Jones
Julie Morgan
Ieuan Wyn Jones

Witnesses:

Goodall, Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Lang, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Karen Miles, Hywel Dda Local Health Board
Jane Hutt
Jeff Andrews, Welsh Government
Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government
Salway, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Gareth Price (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Eleanor Roy (Researcher)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and member of the public to the meeting.

1.2 Paul Davies declared an interest as his wife was employed by Hywell Dda Local Health Board.

1.3 Christine Chapman declared an interest as her husband had undertaken work for Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board.

2. Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14 – Evidence from Local Health Boards

2.1 The Chair welcomed Dr Andrew Goodall, Chief Executive, Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board; Geoff Lang, Executive Director of Primary Care, Community and Mental Health Services, Betsi Cadwalader Local Health Board; and Karen Miles, Director of Finance and Economic Reform, Hywell Dda Local Health Board.

2.2 The Members questioned the witnesses.

Action point:

Dr Andrew Goodall agreed to provide:

- A note quantifying the cost of unused estate in the NHS including the scale of risk of non-compliance issues around the estate.

2.3 The Committee agreed to write to the NHS Confederation regarding shared services across the NHS.

3. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

Items 4 and 7.

4. Consideration of draft report on the Assembly Commission draft budget 2013–14

4.1 The Committee commented on its draft report on the Assembly Commission draft budget 2013–14.

4.2 The Committee agreed to format the amended report as a letter to the Minister for Finance, which would be published shortly.

5. Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14 – Evidence from Welsh Government

5.1 The Committee welcomed Jane Hutt, Minister for Finance and Leader of the House; Jo Salway, Head of Strategic Budgeting, Welsh Government; Andrew Jeffreys, Head of Strategic Capital Investment, Welsh Government; and Jeff Andrews, Specialist Policy Adviser, Welsh Government.

5.2 The Committee scrutinised the Minister.

Action points:

The Minister agreed to provide:

- Budgets which have been protected in your proposals and further information on measures being taken by the Welsh Government to consider preventative spending to reduce the demand on public services.
- Further information outlining the full directory of projects which have been funded through the Invest-to-Save programme.

6. Papers to note

6.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

7. Consideration of evidence on Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2013–14

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence on the Welsh Government's draft budget proposals for 2013–14.