

# Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 30 January 2013**

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Meeting time: **08:50 – 11:40**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

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

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### Witnesses:

**Sioned Evans, Welsh Government**  
**Helen Paterson, Wrexham County Borough Council**  
**Rhodri Glyn Thomas**  
**Gregg Jones, Head of EU Office**

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### Committee Staff:

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

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## **1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

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

## **2. Creating greater synergies between EU, national and sub-national budgets – opinion paper – EU Committee of the Regions**

2.1 The Chair welcomed Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM, EU Committee of the regions; and Gregg Jones, Head of EU Office, National Assembly for Wales.

2.2 Members questioned the witnesses.

**Action points:**

Rhodri Glyn Thomas agreed to provide:

- An update on the Committee of the Regions' consideration of his report on creating greater synergies between EU, national and sub-national budgets.

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

**4. The financial implications of the establishment of Natural Resources Wales**

4.1 The Committee discussed the financial implications of the establishment of Natural Resources Wales and agreed to consider further at a future meeting.

**5. Asset Management – Evidence from Public Service Leadership Group**

5.1 The Chair welcomed Dr Helen Paterson, Chair of the Asset Management, Public Service Leadership Group and Chief Executive, Wrexham Country Borough Council; and Sioned Evans, Support to Asset Management and Procurement Work Programme, Public Services Leadership Group and Deputy Director, Property Division, Welsh Government.

5.2 The Committee questioned the witnesses.

**Action points:**

The Public Service Leadership Group agreed to provide:

- Further information outlining the number of public buildings which may also be used as accommodation;
- A demonstration to Members on how the e-PIMS public sector property database works;
- Further information on the nine pilot projects related to asset management and how they were selected;
- A note on how the PSLG is addressing the recommendation made by the Public Accounts Committee in its report 'A Picture of Public Services' to identify and promote examples of good practice from the emergency services to deliver services within budget, make good use of collaboration, and deliver transformational change.
- An electronic copy of the Welsh Government document 'State of the Estate'.
- Further information forecasting the number of properties in the Welsh Government's administrative estate.

**6. Papers to note**

6.1 The Committee noted the minutes from the meeting on 16 January 2013.

## **7. Consideration of evidence on Asset Management**

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on its inquiry into Asset Management.

### **TRANSCRIPT**

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