

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: Hybrid – Committee
room 4 Ty Hywel and video conference
via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 27 November
2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.29

Hybrid, Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS
Witnesses:	Anna Adams, Welsh Government David Greenhough, Welsh Government India Hitchen, Welsh Government Claire Rush, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)



At its meeting on 7 November 2024, the Committee agreed a motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to exclude the public from today's meeting.

Registration / Pre-meeting

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhianon Passmore MS. There was no substitute for Rhianon Passmore MS.

2 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Technical briefing with Welsh Government officials

2.1 The Committee received a technical briefing on the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill from Welsh Government officials.

3 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill: Approach to scrutiny

3.1 The Committee considered the paper and agreed the approach to Stage 1 scrutiny of the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill and the draft terms of reference.

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Approach to scrutiny

4.1 The Committee considered the paper which provided an update on its approach to the scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26.

4.2 The Committee noted both the timetable for scrutiny and the proposed media approach, and also agreed thematic areas for the report.

5 Approach to appointing Wales Audit Office Non–Executive (NE) Board Members

5.1 The Committee considered the paper and agreed the approach to appointing Wales Audit Office Non–Executive Board Members.

6 Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum: Update

6.1 The Committee considered the paper which provided an update on the next meeting of the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum to be held on 19 March.

6.2 The Committee agreed to write to Business Committee in relation to Finance Committee Members attending the next meeting of the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum.

7 Consideration of Forward Work Programme

7.1 The Committee considered its Forward Work Programme.

8 Consideration of the financial implications of the Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill

8.1 The Committee considered the response from the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery, and agreed to take no further action.