

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Thursday, 12 December 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.20

Hybrid

Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Hannah Blythyn MS (In place of Rhianon Passmore MS) |
| Witnesses: | Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury, Welsh Government Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget and Government Business, Welsh Government |
| Committee Staff: | Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) |



Registration

Private 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. Hannah Blythyn MS substituted for Rhianon Passmore MS.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC) – 2 December 2024**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from the First Minister of Wales to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: 42nd British-Irish Council Summit – 6 December 2024**

2.3 **PTN 3 – Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the First Supplementary Budget 2024–25 – 2 December 2024**

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Evidence session 1

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26 from Mark Drakeford MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language, Welsh Government; Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury, Welsh Government; and Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget and Government Business, Welsh Government.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language to request additional information on the Draft Budget 2025–26.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019: Post–Legislative Review

6.1 The Committee considered the scoping paper on the Post–legislative review of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019 and agreed the actions included in the paper.