

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 3, Senedd and video conference via Zoom**

Meeting date: Wednesday, 16 October 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.19

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Improvement, Office of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Katrin Shaw, Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser and Director of Investigations, Office of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Sian Giddins (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



	Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Božo Lugonja (Researcher)
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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.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The Committee noted the papers.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the First Minister to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee: Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Forthcoming Intergovernmental Meetings – 10 October 2024**

3 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) – Scrutiny of Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24, and Estimate 2025–26: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales's Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24, and Estimate 2025–26 from Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Improvement, Office of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; and Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser and Director of Investigations, Office of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

3.2 The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales agreed to update the Committee on the outcome of a permission hearing that is scheduled for the 13 November, in relation to an ongoing Code of Conduct case.

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 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) – Scrutiny of Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24, and Estimate 2025–26: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2025–26: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed it with minor changes.

7 Welsh Government First Supplementary Budget 2024–25: Consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed it with minor changes.