

Agenda – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: 5 February 2025

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Meeting time: 09.30

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Registration

(09.00 – 09.15)

Private pre-meeting

(09.15 – 09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language: Interministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) – 27 January 2025

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2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Response to the Committee's report on the Review into the operations, processes and investigations carried out by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – 24 January 2025

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2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Response to the Committee's report on the Annual Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – 24 January 2025

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- 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from Audit Wales: Response to the Committee's report on the Annual scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales – 23 January 2025
(Pages 13 – 21)
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Llywydd and Chair of the Senedd Commission: Cardiff Bay 2032 project – 28 January 2025
(Pages 22 – 23)
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Memorandum of Understanding between the UK government and the Welsh Government: Investment zones – 29 January 2025
(Page 24)
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Comptroller and Auditor General: Administration of Welsh Rates of Income Tax 2023–24 – 29 January 2025
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- 2.8 PTN 8 – Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025–26: Written information from Sparkle (Children's Charity) – 29 January 2025
(Pages 26 – 27)

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

Evidence session 9

(09.30 – 10.30)

(Pages 28 – 85)

Rowland Rees–Evans, Chair, Wales Tourism Alliance

David Chapman, Executive Director, Wales, UK Hospitality Cymru

Roy Church, Co–Chair, Welsh Association of Visitor Attractions

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–05–25 P1 – Wales Tourism Alliance

FIN(6)–05–25 P2 – UK Hospitality Cymru

FIN(6)–05–25 P3 – Welsh Association of Visitor Attractions

FIN(6)–05–25 P4 – Additional evidence: Welsh Association of Visitor Attractions

Senedd Research Brief

Break

(10.30 – 10.40)

4 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill:

Evidence session 10

(10.40 – 11.40)

(Pages 86 – 131)

Zoë Hawkins, Chief Executive, MWT Cymru

Emma Thornton, Chief Executive, Visit Pembrokeshire

Jim Jones, Managing Director, North Wales Tourism

Iwan Thomas, Chief Executive, PLANED

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)-05-25 P5 – MWT Cymru

FIN(6)-05-25 P6 – Visit Pembrokeshire

FIN(6)-05-25 P7 – North Wales Tourism

FIN(6)-05-25 P8 – PLANED

Senedd Research Brief

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

6 Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill:

Consideration of evidence

(11.40 – 12.00)