

Agenda – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: 20 November 2025

0300 200 6565

Meeting time: 09.30

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Registration

(09.00 – 09.15)

Private pre-meeting

(09.15 – 09.30)

1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Paper(s) to note

(09.30)

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning: Local Growth Fund – 7 November 2025

(Pages 1 – 2)

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs: Independent Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Secretariat Annual reports for 2022–23 and 2023–24 – 11 November 2025

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2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Welsh NHS Confederation – Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Inflationary pressures – 11 November 2025

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- 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) – Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Inflationary pressures – 12 November 2025**
(Pages 6 – 7)
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Senedd Commission response to the Finance Committee's report on the Senedd Commission Budget 2026–27 – 11 November 2025**
(Pages 8 – 14)
- 3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Evidence session 6**
(09.30 – 10.30) (Pages 15 – 48)
Professor Melanie Jones, Academic Lead, Wales Productivity Forum
Professor Arnab Bhattacharjee, Regional Modelling and Microsimulation,
National Institute of Economic and Social Research
- Break**
(10.30 – 10.45)
- 4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Evidence session 7**
(10.45 – 11.45) (Pages 49 – 124)
Marc Strathie, Devolved senior policy advisor, Institute of Directors
Josh Miles, Head of Wales, Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Wales
Sara Jones, Head of the Welsh Retail Consortium
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6, 7, 8 and 10**
(11.45)
- 6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27: Consideration of evidence**
(11.45 – 12.00)
- 7 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Annual Report and Accounts 2024–25, and Estimate 2026–27: Consideration of draft report**
(12.00 – 12.15) (Pages 125 – 153)

- 8 Annual scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales: Consideration of draft report**
(12.15 – 12.30) (Pages 154 – 194)

Break

(12.30 – 13.00)

- 9 Financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill: Evidence session**
(13.00 – 14.00) (Pages 195 – 213)

Julie James MS, Counsel General and Minister for Delivery

Ryan Price, Head of Senedd Policy, Welsh Government

Will Whiteley, Deputy Director, Senedd Reform, Welsh Government

Supporting documents

[Senedd Cymru \(Member Accountability and Elections\) Bill, as introduced](#) (PDF, 1.3MB)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#) (PDF, 1.3MB)

- 10 Financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill: Consideration of evidence**
(14.00 – 14.15)