

Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Monday, 31 October 2011**

Meeting time: **15:00 – 16:30**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies (Chair)
Peter Black
Christine Chapman
Paul Davies
Mike Hedges
Ann Jones
Julie Morgan
Ieuan Wyn Jones

Witnesses:

Jeff Andrews, Welsh Government
Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government
Jo Salway, Acting Deputy Director of Strategic Budgeting
Jane Hutt

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Eleanor Roy (Researcher)
Susan Morgan (Legal Advisor)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2. Welsh Government draft budget proposals for 2012–13

2.1 The Committee welcomed Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance; Andrew Jeffries, Head of Strategic Budgeting – Strategic Planning, Finance and Performance; Jeff Andrews, Specialist Policy Adviser; and Jo Salway, Acting Deputy Director of Strategic Budgeting.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the Minister.

Action points:

The Minister for Finance agreed to provide:

- A note clarifying the potential impact of Treasury rules on the Welsh block and how the Welsh Government is assisting local government's borrowing powers to boost capital investment.
- A note on the process for Equality Impact Assessments in the 2012–2013 budget round.

2.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary to request further information on the increase in staff costs in the Central Services and Administration (CSA) MEG, explaining what services were involved and the reasons for the increase.

3. Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

Item 4 and the Committee's meeting of 2 November.

4. Members' consideration of evidence

4.1 Members discussed the evidence received on the Welsh Government's draft budget 2012–2013.

5. Papers to note

5.1 The Committee noted the work programme for the autumn term and ratified the minutes of the meeting on 20 October 2011.

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