

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 3 October
2018

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.21

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM Jane Hutt AM Nick Ramsay AM David Rees AM Llyr Gruffydd AM Helen Mary Jones AM
Witnesses:	Suzy Davies AM, Commissioner Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Nia Morgan, Director of Finance Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration Emma Williams, Welsh Government Huw Charles, Welsh Government Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance Margaret Davies, Welsh Government



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	Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Kevin Thomas, Wales Audit Office Laurie Davies, Wales Audit Office
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Clerk opened the meeting and called for nominations to elect a temporary chair for the duration of the meeting and until such time as a permanent chair is elected.

1.2 Llyr Gruffydd was nominated by Mike Hedges and elected as temporary chair.

1.3 The temporary Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.4 Apologies were received from Steffan Lewis AM. Llyr Gruffydd attended as a substitute.

1.5 Helen Mary Jones AM attended the meeting with the permission of the temporary Chair, in accordance with Standing Order 17.49.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Scrutiny of the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2019–20: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Suzy Davies AM, Commissioner for Budget and Governance; Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk to the Assembly; and Nia Morgan, Director of Finance on the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2019–20.

3.2 The Assembly Commission agreed to write to the Committee with:

- more detail on specific priority projects for 2019–20; and

- figures for sickness absence since March 2018.

4 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill: Evidence session

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Housing and Regeneration; Emma Williams, Deputy Director, Housing Policy Division, Welsh Government; and Huw Charles, Bill Manager, Welsh Government on the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill.

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: Evidence session 1 (Cabinet Secretary for Finance)

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance; Andrew Jeffreys, Director, Welsh Treasury, Welsh Government; and Margaret Davies, Deputy Director, Strategic Budgeting, Welsh Government on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Scrutiny of the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2019–20: Consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

9 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

10 External Audit Services to Wales Audit Office

10.1 The Committee considered a paper from the Wales Audit Office on the procurement of external audit services to the Wales Audit Office and agreed the recommended supplier, RSM Tenon.