

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 17 October
2018

Meeting time: 09.00 – 10.06

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Llyr Gruffydd AM Mike Hedges AM Jane Hutt AM Nick Ramsay AM Helen Mary Jones AM
Witnesses:	Dr Edward Jones, Bangor University Dr Helen Rogers, Bangor University
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 Following election on 3 October 2018, Llyr Gruffydd AM, as temporary Chair, welcomed Members to the meeting.



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1.2 Apologies were received from Steffan Lewis AM and Neil Hamilton AM. Llyr Gruffydd AM attended as a substitute for Steffan Lewis AM.

1.3 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.

2.1 PTN1 – Letter from the Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP, Secretary of State for Wales – 11 October 2018

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: Evidence Session 3

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Dr Edward Jones and Dr Helen Rogers from Bangor University on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: Consideration of Evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of draft report

6.1 The Committee agreed the draft report with minor changes.

7 Scrutiny of the Assembly Commission Draft Budget 2019–20: Consideration of draft report

7.1 The Committee agreed the draft report with minor changes.

8 Wales Audit Office Board recruitment

8.1 The Committee considered and agreed its approach to the recruitment of two non-executive Members of the Wales Audit Office Board.

9 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: Approach to scrutiny

9.1 The Committee:

- noted that the evidence session with the Office for Budget Responsibility will now take place on 7 November 2018;
- agreed which Members would attend the concurrent meeting on impact assessments in the budget on 15 November with the Children, Young People and Education Committee and the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee; and
- agreed to write to the Business Committee to request an additional meeting, in order to consider its draft report on the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2019–20.

10 Welsh Affairs Committee Inquiry: Devolution of Air Passenger Duty to Wales

10.1 The Committee agreed its response to the Welsh Affairs Committee inquiry on the Devolution of Air Passenger Duty to Wales.