

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue:

This meeting can be viewed

Video Conference via Zoom

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Meeting date: Monday, 5 October 2020

<http://senedd.tv/en/6556>

Meeting time: 14.30 – 16.50

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Siân Gwenllïan MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS Nick Ramsay MS
Witnesses:	Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales David Meaden, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Office Chris Vinestock, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Senedd Suzy Davies MS, Commissioner Nia Morgan, Director of Finance
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)



	Martin Jennings (Researcher) Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Finance Committee.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **FIN(5)-18-20 PTN 1 – Letter from the First Minister to the Llywydd: The Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 – 28 September 2020**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government: National Development Framework – 21 September 2020**

2.3 **PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Welsh Government's Tax Policy Work Plan for 2020-21 – 29 September 2020**

2.4 **PTN 4 – Letter from Audit Wales to the Chair of Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee: Local Government & Elections Bill – Legislative Competence – 30 September 2020**

## **3 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2021-22: Evidence session**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Suzy Davies MS, Commissioner for Budget and Governance; Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Senedd; and Nia Morgan, Director of Finance on the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2021-22.

3.2 The Commission agreed to write to the Committee with further information on its Communication and Engagement strategy; and to provide further details on the restructuring of specific posts within the Engagement Directorate.

#### **4 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimate 2021–22: Evidence session**

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Improvement; and David Meaden, Financial Accountant on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimate 2021–22.

#### **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and the start of the Committee meeting on 12 October.**

5.1 The motion was agreed.

#### **6 Scrutiny of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimate 2021–22: Consideration of evidence**

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

#### **7 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2021–22: Consideration of evidence**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.