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Dear All,

Changes to the Budget Process Protocol: Consultation with Directly Funded Bodies

The Committee is currently conducting a review of the Budget Process Protocol (the Protocol) and is in the process of discussing proposed changes with the Minister for Finance and Local Government to better reflect current practice in the Senedd. A summary of the proposed changes under consideration are outlined in my letter to the Minister on 11 December 2023.

As you will be aware, the Committee has recently consulted with all Directly Funded Bodies (DFBs) regarding the Committee's review of the Statement of Principles and later sought views on whether the Senedd's supplementary budget procedures remains fit for purpose.

We are grateful for your responses, which the Committee considered on 31 January. However, given that the Protocol applies to the Directly Funded Bodies, we would welcome any additional views you may have on the Protocol itself, that would inform ongoing discussions between the Committee and the Minister on these issues.

There is no need to re-state the views that have already been conveyed in your responses to the review of the Statement of Principles, however, we would welcome any further comments you may have on the proposed changes to the Protocol, and the impact they may have on DFBs, by the beginning of the Summer Term on Monday 15 April.

Yours sincerely,



Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair of the Finance Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

