

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 3, Senedd and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 26 June 2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.56

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Dr Ed Poole, Senior Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis)
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Cerian Jones (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Ben Harris (Legal Adviser)



Registration

Private Pre-meeting

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

- 2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice: Regulations relating to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – 17 May 2024
- 2.2 PTN 2 – Independent Review of the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales's Investigation of Code of Conduct Complaints: Final terms of reference – 20 May 2024
- 2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee: Committee remits – 22 May 2024
- 2.4 PTN 4 – Letter from Audit Wales: Notification of audit deadline position – 23 May 2024
- 2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from Audit Wales: Community Pharmacy Data Matching Pilot – 23 May 2024
- 2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Minister of Finance, Northern Ireland Assembly: Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations – 29 May 2024
- 2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office: delaying of the publication of the Welsh Government's first supplementary budget 2024–25 – 10 June 2024
- 2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from the Chair of Health and Social Care Committee to the Minister for Social Care: Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill and general scrutiny session – 12 June 2024
- 2.9 PTN 9 – Letter from the Trefnydd and Chief Whip on the financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill – 31 May 2024
- 2.10 PTN 10 – Letter from the Trefnydd and Chief Whip: Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill – 14 June 2024

2.11 PTN 11 – Joint letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Finance Committee: Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to Modify) Act 2022: Section 6 (Review of operation and effect of this Act) – 7 June 2024

3 Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations: Evidence session 7

3.1 The Committee took evidence on its inquiry into Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations from Ed Poole, Senior Lecturer, Wales Governance Centre (Wales Fiscal Analysis).

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Changes to the Budget Protocol – Responses from the Directly Funded Bodies

6.1 The Committee considered the paper on changes to the Budget Process Protocol, and the responses received from Audit Wales and the Senedd Commission.

6.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office on issues relating to the Budget Process Protocol and other budgetary matters, and to send a copy of the letter to the Directly Funded Bodies.

7 Consultation with Senedd Committees on Draft Budget Scrutiny

7.1 The Committee noted the letters submitted by Senedd Committees and considered the issues raised on their experiences of scrutinising the Welsh Government's Draft Budget.

7.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office, highlighting the views expressed by Senedd Committees on their experiences of scrutinising the Welsh Government's Draft Budget.

8 Membership of the Wales Audit Office Board: Response from Audit Wales

8.1 The Committee noted the response from Audit Wales on membership of the Wales Audit Office Board and agreed to write back, seeking an update on changes to the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013, that Audit Wales would like to be brought forward.