

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 5 October
2016

Meeting time: 09.01 – 12.28

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Mike Hedges AM Eluned Morgan AM David Rees AM Steffan Lewis AM Nick Ramsay AM Mark Reckless AM
Witnesses:	Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Susan Hudson, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Office David Meaden, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Office Claire Clancy, Chief Executive & Clerk of the Assembly Suzy Davies AM, Commissioner Nia Morgan, Director of Finance
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk)



1 08.45–09.00 Informal pre-meeting

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1 The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 The paper was noted.

4 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Estimate of income and expenses 2017–18: Evidence session

4.1 The Committee scrutinised the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales on the Estimate for Income and Expenses 2017–18.

4.2 The Ombudsman agreed to provide the Committee with a note on benchmarking against other similar bodies and public services ombudsman schemes.

5 Assembly Commission draft budget 2017–18: Evidence session

5.1 The Committee scrutinised the Assembly Commission on the draft budget 2017 – 2018.

5.2 The Assembly Commission agreed to provide:

- more information on future ICT investment
- details of how much has been spent on ICT replacement in the Siambri
- a note explaining the 12% savings in ICT
- an explanation for the increase in ICT costs relating to ‘Revenue and Consumable purchases’
- the reasons for the decreased budget in 2017-18 for ‘Assembly Members’ Salary and on-costs’
- a list of the 14 schools that did not take up the opportunity to engage with the Assembly

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

6.1 The Committee agreed the motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the session and item 1 of the next session.

7 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Estimate of income and expenses 2017–18: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Assembly Commission draft budget 2017–18: Consideration of evidence

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9 Overview of the budget process

9.1 The Committee received a briefing about the budget process.