

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – The Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 13 June 2018

Meeting time: 09.01 – 11.46

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Neil Hamilton AM Mike Hedges AM Jane Hutt AM Nick Ramsay AM David Rees AM
Witnesses:	Huw Irranca-Davies AM, Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care Owain Lloyd, Welsh Government Faye Gracey, Welsh Government Julie Morgan AM Dr Grahame Guilford Sioned Evans, Welsh Government Dr Tim Peppin, Welsh Local Government Association Rob Stewart, Welsh Local Government Association
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk)



	Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) Christian Tipples (Researcher) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)
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## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Steffan Lewis AM.

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

2.1 The papers were noted.

**2.1 PTN1 – Letter from Secretary of State to Chair – Inquiry into the preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales – 21 May 2018**

**2.2 PTN2 – Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to the Chair – Celebrating 10 years of Fiscal Devolution – 24 May 2018**

**2.3 PTN3 – Letter from the Chair to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Celebrating 10 years of Fiscal Devolution – 25 May 2018**

**2.4 PTN4 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Bill: Fiscal Framework – 4 June 2018**

**2.5 PTN5 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Implications for the 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 Budgets – 7 June 2018**

## **3 Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill: Evidence session**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Huw Irranca–Davies AM, Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care; Owain Lloyd, Deputy Director, Childcare, Play and Early Years Division, Welsh Government; and Faye Gracey, Head of Policy Analysis, Welsh Government on the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill.

## **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 5, 9 and 10**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

## **5 Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **6 Inquiry into preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales: Evidence session 1 (Wales Programme Monitoring Committee)**

6.1 The Committee took evidence from Julie Morgan AM, Chair of the Wales Programme Monitoring Committee; Dr Grahame Guilford, EU Funding Ambassador; and Sioned Evans, Chief Executive, Welsh European Funding Office on its inquiry into preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales.

## **7 Inquiry into preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales: Evidence session 2 (Welsh Local Government Association)**

7.1 The Committee took evidence from Councillor Rob Stewart, Leader, Swansea Council and Welsh Local Government Association Deputy Leader and spokesperson on Economic Development, Europe and Energy; and Tim Peppin, Director of Regeneration and Sustainable Development, Welsh Local Government Association on its inquiry into preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales.

## **8 Inquiry into preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales: Evidence session 3 (Hywel Ceri Jones)**

8.1 The Committee's evidence session with Dr Hywel Ceri Jones, Former EU Funding Ambassador was cancelled due to illness. Dr Hywel Ceri Jones instead submitted [written evidence](#) to inform the Committee's inquiry.

## **9 Inquiry into preparations for replacing EU funding for Wales: Consideration of evidence**

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **10 Inquiry on the Remuneration Board's Determination Underspend: Consideration of the Assembly Commission's response**

10.1 The Committee noted the Assembly Commission's response and the outcome of the Remuneration Board's review of staffing support for Members.