

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 24 February
2021

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.30

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Llyr Gruffydd MS (Chair) Alun Davies MS Siân Gwenllian MS Mike Hedges MS Mark Isherwood MS Rhianon Passmore MS Mark Reckless MS
Witnesses:	Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Gawain Evans, Welsh Government Matthew Denham-Jones, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Finance Committee.
- 1.2 The Chair noted that Nick Ramsay MS has left the Committee and thanked him for his contribution to the Committee's work.
- 1.3 The Chair welcomed Mark Isherwood MS as a new member of the Committee.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 PTN 1 – Annual Scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office: Audit Wales' response to the Committee's recommendations – 22 January 2021

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from Audit Wales – Wales Audit Office Supplementary Estimate 2020–21 – 27 January 2021

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Information on financial transactions capital and Wales Barnett formula consequentials – 21 January 2021

2.4 PTN 4 – Welsh Government's Second supplementary budget – Welsh Government response – 19 January 2021

2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd – Land Transaction Tax (LTT) non-residential rates and thresholds – 2 February 2021

2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Chair of External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee to the Secretary of State for Wales: UK Shared Prosperity Fund – 2 February 2021

2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Modelling work for free school meals – 9 February 2021

2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from Hafal: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2021–22 – 17 February 2021

3 Welsh Government Third Supplementary Budget 2020–21

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd; Andrew Jeffrey, Director, Welsh Treasury; Gawain Evans, Director of Finance;

and Matthew Denham-Jones, Deputy Director, Financial Controls on the Welsh Government Third Supplementary Budget 2020-21.

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide:

- Further detail via the Minister for Health and Social Services on the work being undertaken to improve information sharing between primary and secondary health care services.
- Further information via the Minister for Housing and Local Government on the Local Authority Hardship Fund, specifically the formula relating to local authority lost savings as a result of the pandemic.
- Further detail on the funding that has been allocated to support business during the pandemic.

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 Welsh Government Third Supplementary Budget 2020-21: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Consideration of Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2021-22

6.1 The Committee approved the Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2021-22, under Standing Orders 18.10(x) in accordance with section 24(7) of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013.

7 Consideration of Forward Work Programme paper

7.1 The Committee considered its forward work programme.