

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 5 Ty Hywel and video conference via Zoom**

Meeting date: Wednesday, 9 November 2022

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.12

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## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd James Owen, Welsh Government Simon Bilsborough, Welsh Government Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales Lindsay Foyster, Audit Wales Kevin Thomas, Audit Wales Ann-Marie Harkin, Audit Wales
Committee Staff:	Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Georgina Owen (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)



	Christian Tipples (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)
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## **Private pre-meeting – Informal (09.15–09.30)**

### **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Finance Committee.
  
- 1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 17.24A, Peter Fox MS declared an interest under item 3, namely that he is a farmer and a tenant farmer.

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

- 2.1 The papers were noted.
  
- 2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the First Minister on the financial implications of Bills.

- 2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) – 19 October 2022**
- 2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Additional information following the evidence session on 12 October 2022 – 21 October 2022**
- 2.3 **PTN 3 – The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response – 25 October 2022**
- 2.4 **PTN 4 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24 Timetable – 24 October 2022**
- 2.5 **PTN 5 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Timetable for the Second Supplementary Budget for 2022–23 – 3 November 2022**

### **3 Financial implications of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill: Evidence session**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd; and Welsh Government officials on the Financial implications of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill.

3.2 The Minister agreed to provide:

- A note on the financial modelling relating to unknown or unquantified costs of the Bill, based on past experiences.
- A note on the financial reporting requirements for assessing the economic impact on the agricultural sector in relation to future support schemes.

### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 5 and 7 and the meetings on 16 November 2022 and 1 December 2022**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

## **5 Financial implications of the Agriculture (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

### **Public**

## **6 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Estimate 2023–24 and Interim Report: Evidence session**

6.1 The Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Wales; Chair of the Wales Audit Office; and Audit Wales officials.

### **Private**

## **7 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Estimate 2023–24 and Interim Report: Consideration of evidence**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.