

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Hybrid – Committee room 4 Ty Hywel and video conference via Zoom**

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 18 October 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.05

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Chris Vinestock, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Katrin Shaw, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Mick Antoniw MS, Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution Emma Alexander, Welsh Government Will Whiteley, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)



	Christian Tipples (Researcher) Martin Jennings (Researcher)
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Registration (09.00–09.15)

Private Pre-meeting (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 Mike Hedges MS declared that he is the Chair of the Senedd's Cross-Party Group on the Public & Commercial Service Union (PCS).

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Senedd Commission: Further information following the Senedd Commission budget session on 5 October – 10 October 2023**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from the PCS Union: Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2024–25 – 11 October 2023**

2.3 **PTN 3 – Letter from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury: UK Government Autumn Statement – 11 October 2023**

3 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) – Scrutiny of Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23, and Estimate 2024–25: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales's Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23, and Estimate 2024–25 from Michelle Morris, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer and

Director of Improvement; and Katrin Shaw, Chief Legal Adviser and Director of Investigations.

Break (10.30–10.45)

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4 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Evidence session with the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

4.1 The Committee took evidence on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill from Mick Antoniw MS, Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution; Will Whiteley, Deputy Director, Senedd Reform; and Emma Alexander, Head of Senedd Reform Delivery.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) – Scrutiny of Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23, and Estimate 2024–25: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2024–25: Consideration of draft report

8.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report on the Scrutiny of the Senedd Commission Draft Budget 2024–25.