

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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

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Meeting date: Thursday, 9 November 2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.36

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales, Audit Wales Dr Kathryn Chamberlain, Audit Wales Ann-Marie Harkin, Audit Wales Kevin Thomas, Audit Wales
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Cerian Jones (Second Clerk) Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)



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.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN 1 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Independent Review of Landfill Disposals Tax – 18 October 2023**

2.2 **PTN 2 – Letter from Disability Wales: Specific financial support for disabled people in the 2024–25 budget – 19 October 2023**

2.3 **PTN 3 – Letter from the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Members Pension Scheme – 23 October 2023**

2.4 **PTN 4 – Additional information from the Senedd Commission in relation to the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 31 October 2023**

2.5 **PTN 5 – Letter from Audit Wales to the Chair of the Reform Bill Committee: Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 3 November 2023**

2.6 **PTN 6 – Letter from the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee: Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill – 3 November 2023**

3 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Estimate 2024–25 and Interim Report 2023–24: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on Audit Wales's Estimate 2024–25 and Interim Report 2023–24 from the Auditor General for Wales; Chair of the Wales Audit Office; and Audit Wales officials.

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 Audit Wales – Scrutiny of the Estimate 2024–25 and Interim Report 2023–24: Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Budget Process Protocol

6.1 The Committee considered the paper on the Budget Process Protocol and agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Local Government and consult with the Directly Funded Bodies.

7 Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum: Update

7.1 The Committee considered the paper on the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum.