

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: Hybrid – Committee room 4, Senedd and video conference via Zoom

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Meeting date: Wednesday, 7 February 2024

Meeting time: 10.15 – 12.23

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peredur Owen Griffiths MS (Chair) Peter Fox MS Mike Hedges MS Rhianon Passmore MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language Emyr Harries, Welsh Government Lloyd Hopkin, Welsh Government Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government Simon Tew, Welsh Government Ben Crudge, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Owain Roberts (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Cerian Jones (Second Clerk)



	Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk) Rhiannon Williams (Deputy Clerk) Owen Holzinger (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 There were no apologies, substitutions or declarations of interest.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 PTN 1 –Public Services Ombudsman for Wales response to the Committee's report on the Annual scrutiny Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – 26 January 2024

2.2 PTN 2 – Welsh Government response to the Committee's report on the Financial Implications of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill – 26 January 2024

2.2.1 The Committee agreed to write back to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution asking for further information in response to the Committee's recommendations on costs relating to the Senedd Commission arising from the Bill.

- 2.3 **PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: The Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous And Consequential Amendments To Secondary Legislation) (Wales) Regulations 2024 – 17 January 2024**
- 2.4 **PTN 4– Letter from Audit Wales: Response to the Finance Committee Annual Scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office – 1 February 2024**
- 2.5 **PTN 5– Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill: Welsh Government response – 1 February 2024**

3 Financial Implications of the Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill: Evidence session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill from Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language; Emyr Harries, Deputy Director for Education Business and Governance; and Lloyd Hopkin, Deputy Director for Curriculum.

3.2 The Minister for Education and Welsh Language agreed to provide a note on inspection arrangements for residential outdoor activity centres and related costs.

4 Financial Implications of the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill: Evidence session

4.1 The Committee took evidence on the Local Finance Government Finance (Wales) Bill from Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government; Ben Crudge, Head of Local Tax Policy; and Simon Tew, Bill Manager.

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 Financial implications of Senedd Bills: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.