

Agenda – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: Hybrid – Committee
room 3, Senedd and video conference
via Zoom

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Meeting date: 18 January 2024

0300 200 6388

Meeting time: 09.30

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Registration (09.00–09.15)

Private Pre-meeting (09.15–09.30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.30)

2 Paper(s) to note

(09.30)

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from Minister for Finance and Local Government: Second Supplementary Budget 2023–24 – 11 January 2024

(Pages 1 – 2)

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee Meeting – 12 January 2024

(Pages 3 – 4)

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Local Government: Review of the Budget Process Protocol – 15 January 2024

(Pages 5 – 6)

3 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: Evidence session 5

(09.30–10.00)

(Pages 7 – 39)

Derek Walker, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

Jacob Ellis, Director: External Relations and Culture



Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

Rhiannon Hardiman, Policy Lead: Nature & Climate Change, Economy, Food Policy

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)-02-24 P1 – Future Generations Commissioner for Wales – Consultation response

FIN(6)-02-24 P2 – Future Generations Commissioner for Wales – Written evidence

Research Service Brief

Break (10.00–10.10)

4 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25:

Evidence session 6

(10.10–11.10)

(Pages 40 – 92)

Sally May, Executive Director of Finance Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board and Chair of the Directors of Finance Peer Group

Darren Hughes, Director, Welsh NHS Confederation

Lance Carver, Vice President, Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru (ADSS Cymru) and Director of Social Services at Vale of Glamorgan Council

Carys Lord, Chief Officer Finance, Performance and Change, Bridgend County Borough Council

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)-02-24 P3 Welsh NHS Confederation

FIN(6)-02-24 P4 ADSS Cymru and Welsh Local Government Association (WGLA)

Research Service Brief

Break (11.10–11.20)

5 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25:

Evidence session 7

(11.20–12.20)

(Pages 93 – 134)

Cllr Anthony Hunt, Leader, Torfaen County Borough Council

Cllr Llinos Medi, Leader, Isle of Anglesey County Council

Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby, Leader, Monmouthshire County Council

Cllr Andrew Morgan, Leader, Rhondda Cynon Taf Borough Council

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–02–24 P5 – Welsh Local Government Association

Research Service Brief

Break (12.20–13.15)

6 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25:

Evidence session 8

(13.15–15.00)

(Pages 135 – 156)

Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government

Andrew Jeffreys, Director Treasury

Emma Watkins, Deputy Director, Budget & Government Business

Supporting documents:

Research Service Brief

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the meeting on 31 January 2024

(15.00)

8 Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25:

Consideration of evidence

(15.00–15.15)

9 Second Supplementary Budget 2023–24 requests from Directly Funded Bodies

(15.15–15.30)

(Pages 157 – 166)

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–02–24 P6 – Cover paper

FIN(6)–02–24 P7 – Public Services Ombudsman for Wales’ Second Supplementary Estimate 2023–24

FIN(6)–02–24 P8 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Local Government pay award – 11 December 2023

FIN(6)–02–24 P9 – Letter from Audit Wales: Letter from Audit Wales: Second Supplementary Estimate 2023–24 – 6 December 2023

10 Audit Wales Fee Scheme 2024–25

(15.30–15.45)

(Pages 167 – 191)

Supporting documents:

FIN(6)–02–24 P10 – Fee Scheme 2024–25