

# Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Thursday, 23 March 2017

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Meeting time: 10.09 – 12.24

## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Mike Hedges AM Eluned Morgan AM David Rees AM Nick Ramsay AM Mark Reckless AM
Witnesses:	Dyfed Alsop, Welsh Government Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government Andrew Jeffreys, Welsh Government Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office Richard Harries, Wales Audit Office Mike Usher, Wales Audit Office
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk) Gemma Gifford (Deputy Clerk) Christian Tipples (Researcher)



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

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received by Steffan Lewis AM.

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

2.1 The paper was noted.

## **3 Preparations for the implementation of fiscal devolution in Wales: Wales Audit Office Evidence Session**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Wales, Huw Vaughan Thomas and his officials Mike Usher and Richard Harries on the Wales Audit Office report – Preparations for the implementation of fiscal devolution in Wales.

## **4 Implementation of Fiscal Provisions in the Wales Act 2014: Ministerial evidence session**

4.1 The Committee took evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Mark Drakeford AM and his officials Andrew Jeffreys and Dyfed Alsop on the Welsh Government report Implementation of Fiscal Provisions in the Wales Act 2014 (Part 2).

4.2 The Committee also took evidence on the Fiscal framework agreed with the UK Government in December 2016.

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the following business:**

5.1 The motion was agreed.

## **6 Implementation of Fiscal provisions: Consideration of Evidence**

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **7 Financial Implications of the Trade Union (Wales) Bill**

7.1 The Committee considered the correspondence received.

## **8 Engagement Session with Bassaleg School**

8.1 The Committee attended Bassaleg School for an engagement session about funding devolved powers.