

Agenda – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 29 March
2017

Meeting time: 09.00

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Private

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(09.00)

2 Paper(s) to note

(09.00)

(Pages 1 – 6)

Letter from the Leader of the House and Chief Whip: Review of Control of Horses (Wales) Act 2014 – 20 March 2017

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3 Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Bill – Order of consideration for Stage 2

(09.00–09.10)

(Pages 8 – 9)

Paper 1 – Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Bill – Order of consideration for Stage 2

4 Financial implications of the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill

(09.10–09.25)

(Pages 10 – 17)

Paper 2 – Financial Scrutiny of the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill



**5 Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill:
Consideration of draft report**

(09.25–9.50)

(Pages 18 – 38)

Paper 3 – Draft report

09.50–10.00 Break

**6 Wales Governance Centre Briefing: Assessing the Fiscal Framework
Agreement**

(10.00–10.45)

[Fair Funding for Taxing Times? Assessing the Fiscal Framework Agreement](#)

7 Inquiry scoping paper – Costs of legislation

(10.45–11.15)

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Paper 4 – Inquiry scoping paper – Costs of legislation

8 Changes to Standing Orders: Budget process

(11.15–12.30)

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Paper 5 – Changes to Standing Orders: Budget process

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 15 March
2017

Meeting time: 09.00 – 11.47

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
|-------------------|--|
| Assembly Members: | Simon Thomas AM (Chair) Mike Hedges AM Eluned Morgan AM David Rees AM Steffan Lewis AM Nick Ramsay AM Mark Reckless AM |
| Witnesses: | Anthony Barrett, Wales Audit Office Martin Peters, Wales Audit Office Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office Robert Chote, Office for Budget Responsibility |
| Committee Staff: | Bethan Davies (Clerk) Gemma Gifford (Deputy Clerk) Martin Jennings (Researcher) Owen Holzinger (Researcher) |



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Auditor General Wales: Natural Resources Wales Annual Accounts 2015–16

3.1 Nick Ramsay AM gave his apologies for this item.

3.2 The Committee took evidence from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Anthony Barrett and Martin Peters on Natural Resources Wales Annual Account 2015–16.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the following business:

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Auditor General Wales: Natural Resources Wales Annual Accounts 2015–16 – Consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Devolution of fiscal powers to Wales: Welsh tax forecast briefing

6.1 The Committee scrutinised Robert Chote on the tax forecasts for Wales by OBR.

7 Appointment of non-executive Members and Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board

7.1 The Committee considered the paper and agreed further action.

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Meeting Venue:

External Location

Meeting date: Thursday, 23 March 2017

Meeting time: 10.09 – 12.24

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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) |



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.

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Chair of the Finance Committee
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20 March 2017

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your letter of 15 February to Lesley Griffiths regarding the Review of the Control of Horses (Wales) Act 2014. Lesley is away from the office so I am responding on behalf of the Welsh Government.

The review, being undertaken by Equiventus Ltd, is on schedule and we expect to receive the final report noting conclusions and recommendations by the end of April. We will, of course, share the report with the Committee following my consideration of the findings and recommendations.

Yours ever,
Jane

Jane Hutt AC/AM
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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