

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 11 October
2018

Meeting time: 09.02 – 12.40

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Mike Hedges AM Jane Hutt AM Nick Ramsay AM David Rees AM Llyr Gruffydd AM
Witnesses:	Paul Davies AM Stephen Boyce, Research Service, Assembly Commission Martin Jennings, Research Service, Assembly Commission Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales David Meaden, Financial Accountant Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Investigations Guto Ifan, Wales Governance Centre Ed Poole, Wales Governance Centre David Phillips, Institute for Fiscal Studies
Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk)



	Georgina Owen (Deputy Clerk)
	Alex Hadley (Deputy Clerk)
	Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)
	Christian Tipples (Researcher)
	Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 Following election on 3 October 2018, Llyr Gruffydd AM, as temporary Chair, welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Steffan Lewis AM and Neil Hamilton AM. Llyr Gruffydd AM attended as a substitute for Steffan Lewis AM.

2 Paper(s) to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **PTN1 – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance – Outline Budget year-on-year changes – 5 October 2018**

3 Autism (Wales) Bill: Evidence Session

3.1 The Committee took evidence on the Autism (Wales) Bill from Paul Davies AM, Member in charge of the Bill; Martin Jennings, Research Service, Assembly Commission; and Stephen Boyce, Research Service, Assembly Commission.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from items 5, 7, and 9

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Autism (Wales) Bill: Consideration of Evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimates 2019–20: Evidence Session

6.1 The Committee took evidence from Nick Bennett, Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; Chris Vinestock, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Investigations; and David Meaden, Financial Accountant on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimate 2019–20.

7 Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Estimates 2019–20: Consideration of Evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: Evidence Session 2

8.1 The Committee took evidence from Dr Ed Poole, Head of programme, Wales Fiscal Analysis programme, Cardiff University's Wales Governance Centre; Guto Ifan, Lead Researcher, Wales Fiscal Analysis programme, Cardiff University's Wales Governance Centre; and David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies on the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20.

9 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20: Consideration of Evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.