

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 15 October
2015

Meeting time: 09.03 – 12.13

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair) William Powell AM (In place of Peter Black AM) Christine Chapman AM Mike Hedges AM Alun Ffred Jones AM Julie Morgan AM Nick Ramsay AM
Witnesses:	Mari Thomas, WLGA Gary Watkins, Cardiff Council Tara King, Cardiff Council Nick Jones, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Wales Audit Office Martin Peters, Wales Audit Office Mike Usher, Wales Audit Office



Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk)
	Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)
	Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk)
	Martin Jennings (Researcher)
	Richard Bettley (Researcher)
	Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)
	Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)
	Lakshmi Narain – Technical Adviser

Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Ann Jones AM and Peter Black AM.

1.3 William Powell AM attended as a substitute for Peter Black AM.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

3 Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 8

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Mari Thomas, Policy Officer (Finance), Welsh Local Government Association, Gary Watkins, Revenue Services Manager, Cardiff Council, Tara King, Chief Officer for Waste and Highways, Cardiff Council and Nick Jones, Service Director for Operational Finance, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

4 Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill: Evidence session 9

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales, Mike Usher and Martin Peters, Wales Audit Office.

4.2 Mike Usher agreed to provide the Committee with additional information.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

5.1 The Motion was agreed.

6 Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidenced received.

7 Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Consultation on a draft Bill

7.1 The Committee agreed the draft Bill and the approach to consultation.

8 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2016–17: Approach to scrutiny

8.1 The Committee agreed the approach to scrutiny.

9 Fourth Assembly Business Committee Legacy: Consultation

9.1 The Committee agreed to reconsider the issue at the meeting scheduled for 5 November 2015.