

Agenda – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 14 September 2020

Meeting time: 14.30

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In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair has determined that the public are excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health. This meeting will be broadcast live on www.senedd.tv

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest (14.30)

2 Paper(s) to note (14.30)

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Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2020

2.1 PTN 1 – Letter from the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition to the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee: Regional Investment after Brexit – 20 July 2020

(Pages 4 – 9)

2.2 PTN 2 – Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales to the First Minister: Public inquiry into the response to the Coronavirus pandemic in Wales – 30 July 2020

(Pages 10 – 11)

2.3 PTN 3 – Letter from the Minister for Local Government and Housing: Information relating to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill – 27 July 2020

(Pages 12 – 19)



2.4 PTN 4 – Welsh Government’s response to the Committee’s report: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government’s First Supplementary Budget 2020–21

(Pages 20 – 35)

2.5 PTN 5 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Information regarding the forward financial planning for directly funded bodies – 11 August 2020

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2.6 PTN 6 – Letter from the Minister from Finance and Trefnydd: Update on the consequential Wales has received as result of COVID–19 – 19 August 2020

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2.7 PTN 7 – Letter from the Secretary of State for Wales: Financial response to Covid–19 – 5 September 2020

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2.8 PTN 8 – Letter from the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd: Update on Welsh Government’s formal request to UK Government for devolution of further tax competence – 8 September 2020

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3 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: Evidence session

(14.30–15.30)

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Julie James MS, Minister for Housing and Local Government

Emma Williams, Director of Housing and Regeneration, Bill – Senior Research Officer

Simon White, Head of Housing Strategy and Legislation

Rob Owen, Renting Homes Legislation Manager

Supporting papers:

[Renting Homes \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

FIN(5)–15–20 P1 – Letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government – Response to questions on the Bill – 16 July 2020

Research brief

Break: 15.30–15.35

4 Land Transaction Tax (Temporary Variation of Rates and Bands for Residential Property Transactions) (Wales) Regulations 2020:

Evidence session

(15.35–16.15)

(Pages 83 – 90)

Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

Andrew Hewitt, Head of Tax Legislation

Dr Tom Nicholls, Economic Adviser

Supporting papers:

[Land Transaction Tax \(Temporary Variation of Rates and Bands for Residential Property Transactions\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 Explanatory Memorandum](#)

FIN(5)–15–20 P2 – Legal Advice

Research Brief

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

(16.15)

6 Land Transaction Tax (Temporary Variation of Rates and Bands for Residential Property Transactions) (Wales) Regulations 2020:

Consideration of evidence

(16.15–16.30)

7 Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill: Consideration of evidence

(16.30–16.45)

8 Consideration of the Forward Work Programme

(16.45–16.55)

Supporting papers:

FIN(5)-15-20 P3 - Forward Work Programme

9 Engagement on the inquiry into the implementation of the Wales Act 2014 and operation of the Fiscal Framework

(16.55-17.00)

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Supporting papers:

FIN(5)-15-20 P4 - Inquiry engagement