

Concise Minutes – Finance Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Thursday, 9 January 2020

Meeting time: 09.02 – 14.04

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Llyr Gruffydd AM (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth AM Alun Davies AM Mike Hedges AM Rhianon Passmore AM Mark Reckless AM David Melding AM (In place of Nick Ramsay AM)
Witnesses:	Anna Nicholl, Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) Helen Tilley, Wales Centre for Public Policy Victoria Winckler, Bevan Foundation Cathy Madge, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales Eurgain Powell, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner Alex Chapman, New Economics Foundation Robert Chote, Office for Budget Responsibility Andy King, Office of Budget Responsibility



Committee Staff:	Bethan Davies (Clerk)
	Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)
	Georgina Owen (Second Clerk)
	Samantha Williams (Deputy Clerk)
	Joanne McCarthy (Researcher)
	Owen Holzinger (Researcher)
	Christian Tipples (Researcher)

1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Private briefing with expert adviser

1.1 The Committee received a private briefing from the Expert Advisor, Dr Edward Jones, Lecturer in Economics, Bangor University.

2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. David Melding AM attended as a substitute for Nick Ramsay AM.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 The minutes were noted.

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Evidence session 2

4.1 The Committee received evidence from Dr Victoria Winckler, Director, Bevan Foundation; Dr Helen Tilley, Senior Research Fellow, Wales Centre for Public Policy; and Anna Nicholl, Director of Strategy, Wales Council for Voluntary Action.

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Evidence session 3

5.1 The Committee received evidence from Cathy Madge, Lead Change Maker, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner; Eurgain Powell, Change Maker, Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales; and Alex Chapman, Consultant, New Economics Foundation.

5.2 Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner, sent her apologies.

6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Evidence session 4

6.1 This session was cancelled. Edward Evans, Company Director and Secretary, Civil Engineering Contractors Association Wales sent his apologies.

7 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Evidence session 5

7.1 The Committee received evidence from Robert Chote, Chairman, Office for Budget Responsibility and Andy King, Budget Responsibility Committee member, Office for Budget Responsibility.

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and the start of the next meeting on 15 January 2020

8.1 The motion was agreed.

9 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2020–21: Consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

10 Scrutiny of the Wales Audit Office and the Auditor General for Wales's Annual Report and Accounts 2018–19 and Estimate 2020–21

10.1 The Committee approved the Wales Audit Office Fee Scheme 2019–20, under Standing Orders 18.10(x) and in accordance with section 24(7) of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013.

11 Ministerial Direction – NHS pension arrangements for 2019/20

11.1 The Committee considered the letter from the Permanent Secretary in relation to the Ministerial Direction regarding proposed changes to NHS Pension arrangements for 2019/20.