

Finance Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 25 February 2015**

Meeting time: **09.00 – 12.06**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair)
Peter Black AM
Christine Chapman AM
Mike Hedges AM
Alun Ffred Jones AM
Ann Jones AM
Julie Morgan AM
Nick Ramsay AM
Kirsty Williams AM

Witnesses:

Jane Hutt AM, The Minister for Finance and Government Business
Gawain Evans, Welsh Government
Matt Denham Jones, Welsh Government
Lyn Cadwallader, One Voice Wales
Daniel Hurford, Welsh Local Government Association

Committee Staff:

Bethan Davies (Clerk)
Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)
Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 There were no apologies. Kirsty Williams substituted for Peter Black for part of the meeting.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

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

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Best Practice Budget Process: Consideration of Draft Report

4.1 The Committee considered the draft report on Best Practice Budget Process Part 2 and agreed a small number of changes.

5 Appointment of non-executive Members the Wales Audit Office Board

5.1 The Committee agreed the appointment of Lindsay Foyster as a non-executive Member to the Wales Audit Office Board under Standing Order 18.10(v).

6 Initial Consideration of Renting Homes (Wales) Bill

6.1 The Committee considered the financial implications of the Renting Homes (Wales) Bill.

7 Wales Audit Office Supplementary Estimate 2014–15

7.1 The Committee considered the Wales Audit Office Supplementary Estimate 2014–15.

8 Assembly Commission Supplementary Budget 2014–15

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9 Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget for 2014–15

9.1 The Committee took evidence from Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance and Government Business, Gawain Evans, Deputy Director Financial Controls, Welsh Government and Matt Denham-Jones, Head of Budgetary Control and Reporting, Welsh Government.

9.2 The Minister agreed to provide the following:

- Confirm if all the three-year plans submitted by health boards have been agreed.
- Provide information on the protection offered to the local government budget.

10 Welsh Government Second Supplementary Budget 2014–15:

Consideration of Evidence

10.1 The Committee considered the evidenced received.

11 Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales: Evidence Session 4

11.1 The Committee took evidence from Daniel Hurford, Welsh Local Government Association and Lyn Cadwallader, Director, One Voice Wales on its inquiry.

11.2 The Welsh Local Government Association agreed to provide information on the ways in which local authorities accept complaints.

12 Consideration of powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales – Discussion of evidence

12.1 The Committee considered the evidenced received.