



Tax Advisory Group

Note of the meeting (Internet Publication)

Note of the Tax Advisory Group 15 January 2015 Conference Room 21, Tŷ Hywel, Cardiff

Members of the Tax Advisory Group

Minister for Finance and Government Business - Jane Hutt AM (Chair)

Andrew Evans - Geldards

Councillor Aaron Shotton – Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)

David Phillips - Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)

Frank Haskew - The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

Kay Powell - The Law Society

Leighton Jenkins on behalf of Emma Watkins – Confederation of British Industry (CBI) Wales

Martin Warren – The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW, Wales)

Martin Mansfield - Wales Trades Union Congress (TUC) Cymru

Robert Lloyd Griffiths – Institute of Directors (IoD) Wales

Ruth Marks – Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

In attendance:

Jeff Andrews - Specialist Advisor to the Minister for Finance

Andrew Jeffreys - Director, Treasury

Bethan Davies - Devolved Tax Legislation Project Support

Beverley Morgan - Tackling Poverty Policy & Analytical – Local Government & Communities

Gareth Morgan - Deputy Director, Fiscal Analysis & Strategy

Georgina Haarhoff - Head of Tax Policy & Legislation

Huw Owen - Head of Economic Policy - Economy, Science & Transport

Paul Webb - Regeneration Investment Fund for Wales Project Manager

Richard Clarke - Tax Administration Project Manager

Ruth Leggett - Strategic Communications & Engagement Manager, Fiscal Analysis & Strategy



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Tom Nicholls - Economic Advisor

Trudi King - Secretariat

Welcome from the Minister for Finance

1. The Minister for Finance and Government Business welcomed attendees to the fourth meeting of the Tax Advisory Group (TAG) for Wales.
2. The Minister welcomed Ruth Marks to her first meeting since taking up the post of Chief Executive of WCVA at the beginning of January. The Minister conveyed her thanks to Phil Jarrold for his contribution to the group during the past year.
3. The Minister briefly outlined developments since the last meeting, including Royal Assent for the Wales Bill; cross-Party talks on further devolution; the Smith Commission's report on proposals for Scotland; and the package of financial measures agreed for Northern Ireland.

Update on Wales Bill

4. Gareth Morgan provided a brief update on the latest developments following Royal Assent for the Wales Bill, including wider fiscal reforms.

Tax Collection and Management Consultation

5. Richard Clarke provided a brief presentation on the responses to the tax collection and management consultation.



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Welsh Landfill Tax

6. Bethan Davies presented an outline of the developing consultation document on replacing Landfill Tax in Wales, with a particular focus on the Landfill Community Fund (LCF).

Land Transaction Tax

7. The Land Transaction Tax consultation will be published on 10 February 2015 and will run for 12 weeks. Tom Nicholls presented an overview of the consultation document.
8. The Minister emphasised the importance of the use of both consultation periods to gather thoughts and ideas from various sectors.

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9. An online platform for discussion would be developed and trialled by TAG members.