

Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum – 24 March 2023, Senedd, Cardiff

The second meeting of the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum was held in the Senedd on Friday 24 March, with Members from the Senedd's Finance Committee and the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Public Administration Committee in attendance.

The following items were held during the meeting:

- the Minister for Finance and Local Government, Rebecca Evans MS, answered questions regarding the intergovernmental mechanisms in place to discuss and resolve fiscal matters affecting the devolved administrations; and
- Members received a presentation from the House of Commons Library on budget scrutiny by the UK Parliament, with a particular focus on the impact of the Spring Statement issued on 15 March on devolved finances.

Both committees also discussed their respective work programmes and identified areas of common interest as a basis for further collaboration. This included an update on the work undertaken to date on post-EU funding arrangements, the difficulties in securing UK Ministers' agreement to attend committee meetings, and the ongoing challenges arising from the operation of their respective Fiscal Frameworks.

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Forum will take place during the autumn term, with the exact location and dates to be agreed in due course.

Attendees

- Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair of the Finance Committee
- Peter Fox MS, Finance Committee Member
- Mike Hedges MS
- Rhianon Passmore MS, Finance Committee Member
- Kenneth Gibson MSP, Convener, Finance and Public Administration Committee
- Daniel Johnson MSP, Deputy Convener, Finance and Public Administration Committee
- Liz Smith MSP, Finance and Public Administration Committee
- Michelle Thomson MSP, Finance and Public Administration Committee
- Douglas Lumsden MSP, Finance and Public Administration Committee