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Present

- Rt. Hon. Mark Drakeford MS (Chair)
- Rebecca Evans MS
- Lesley Griffiths MS
- Jane Hutt MS
- Jeremy Miles MS
- Mick Antoniw MS

- Hannah Blythyn MS
- Dawn Bowden MS
- Lynne Neagle MS

Apologies

- Vaughan Gething MS
- Julie James MS
- Eluned Morgan MS
- Julie Morgan MS
- Lee Waters MS

Officials

- Des Clifford, Director Office of the First Minister
- Rebecca Dunn, Head of Cabinet Division
- Toby Mason, Head of Strategic Communications
- Rory Powell, Head of First Minister's Office
- Jane Runeckles, Special Adviser
- Madeleine Brindley, Special Adviser
- Alex Bevan, Special Adviser

- Daniel Butler, Special Adviser
- Ian Butler, Special Adviser
- Kate Edmunds, Special Adviser
- Sara Faye, Special Adviser
- Sam Hadley, Special Adviser
- David Hooson, Special Adviser
- Clare Jenkins, Special Adviser
- Owen John, Special Adviser
- Phillipa Marsden, Special Adviser
- Tom Woodward, Special Adviser
- Damian Roche, Cabinet Secretariat (minutes)
- Catrin Sully, Cabinet Office
- Kathryn Hallett, First Minister's Office
- Tracey Burke, Director General Climate Change & Rural Affairs
- Carla Lyne, Director Education, Social Justice and Welsh Language Operations
- Debra Carter, Deputy Director, Local Government Finance Reform
- Gawain Evans, Director of Finance
- Emma Watkins, Deputy Director Budget and Government Business

Item 1: Minutes of previous meetings – 10 and 13 July

1.1 Cabinet agreed the minutes of 10 and 13 July / Cytunodd y Cabinet cofnodion 10 a 13 Gorffennaf.

Item 2: Next steps 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 budgets

2.1 The First Minister advised Cabinet there was a need to discuss the significant pressures facing the 2023-2024 budget and the impact on preparations for the 2024-2024 budget round.

2.2 Urgent action was needed, which would have implications across portfolios and understanding the impacts of the decisions individually and collectively would be of paramount importance, alongside the actions which could be taken to offset the impacts identified.

2.3 This could not be an exercise driven by affordability alone but would need to be an approach driven by the values of the government.

2.4 Cabinet agreed the paper and noted that meetings would continue throughout the summer to progress this vital work.

Cabinet Secretariat
August 2023

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