

BUSINESS PAPERS

TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY 2001

PART 1 - SECTION A

AGENDA

The session will commence at 2pm

Questions to the First Minister (30 minutes)

A list of the Oral questions are on the Internet (and Chamberweb)

Business Statement: the Minister for Assembly Business

Approval of the Homeless Persons (Priority Need) (Wales) Order 2001.

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Homeless Persons (Priority Need) (Wales) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001.

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified under Standing Order 11.5 any matters for concern in the draft order, The Homeless Persons (Priority Need) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 16 February 2001;

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001.

Approval of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Electronic Communications) (Wales) Order 2001

To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Electronic Communications) (Wales) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 1 February 2001.

To propose that the National Assembly:

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified under Standing Order 11.5 any matters for concern in the draft order, The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Electronic Communications) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 13 February 2001;

(b) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 1 February 2001 and the memorandum of corrections pursuant to Standing Order 22.13 (i) laid in the Table Office on 16 February 2001.

Composite motion:

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

Approves:

- **The Local Education Authority (Behaviour Support Plans) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001** laid in the Table Office on 24 January 2001, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Local Education Authority (Behaviour Support Plans) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001.

Approves:

- **The Highways Noise Payments (Moveable Homes) (Wales) Regulations 2001** laid in the Table Office on 24 January 2001, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Highways Noise Payments (Moveable Homes) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 6 February 2001.

Debate on the Basic Skills Strategy.

To propose that the National Assembly:

- a. welcomes and endorses the overall principles, objectives and targets set out in the Basic Skills Strategy for Wales, distributed to Assembly Members by email and laid in the Table Office on 20 February 2001;
- a. recognises that the quality of life of many people in Wales is affected by low levels of literacy and numeracy;
- b. recognises the essential contributions of educators, employers, local government, the voluntary sector and the wide range of other partners necessary to realise the aims of the Strategy;
- c. approves of the "Made in Wales" approach of the Strategy;
- d. agrees that the Administration puts in hand the necessary work to implement the Strategy by April 2004.

The following amendments have been tabled:

In accordance with the revised guidance on the Grouping, Selection and Refusal of Amendments,

the Presiding Officer has decided to group the amendments as follows for the purposes of debate - but votes will be taken separately:

(1)

(2+3+4)

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East);

Add new point b. and reorder subsequent points:

b. places emphasis on those who have left full-time education without acquiring basic skills, and supports measures to alleviate the problem of adult illiteracy and innumeracy.

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South East)

Insert at the end of bullet point b:

and recognises that education and training strategies must be supported by effective wider measures to reduce poverty and social exclusion if their impact is to be maximised.

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South East)

Insert new bullet point after bullet point b and re-order accordingly:

Supports the recommendations of the House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee into Social Exclusion in Wales as a means of improving levels of basic skills.

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South East)

Insert new bullet point after bullet point b and re-order accordingly:

Notes that market-driven inequalities in statutory education are likely to exacerbate the problems of low levels of basic skills in our most disadvantaged communities.

Approval of the Road Safety Special Grant Report

To propose that the National Assembly, under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and in accordance with Standing Order 19.8, approves the Local Road Safety Grant Scheme 2001- 2002 Special Grant Report (No.3) (Wales) 2001, which was laid in the Table Office on 19 February 2001.

Approval of the Local Transport Schemes Special Grant Report.

To propose that the National Assembly, under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and in accordance with Standing Order 19.8, approves the Local Transport Services Grant Scheme 2001-2002 Special Grant Report (Wales) 2001, which was laid in the Table Office on 19 February 2001.

Debate on Sustainable Development Action Plan.

To propose that the National Assembly:

Notes the 'Sustainable Development Scheme Draft Action Plan', distributed to Assembly Members by email and laid in the Table Office on 20 February 2001.

Agrees that the implementation of the sustainable development scheme will be measured against the draft action plan.

Adopts the identified indicators of sustainable development (annex E).

Asks the Minister for Environment to consult with Assembly Members and take other steps to further develop the action plan, identify additional sustainable development indicators and consider options for mainstreaming and promoting sustainable development within the Assembly's structures.

The following amendments have been tabled:

In accordance with the revised guidance on the Grouping, Selection and Refusal of Amendments, the Presiding Officer has decided to group the amendments as follows for the purposes of debate - but votes will be taken separately:

(1+2+3+4+5+6)

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South East)

After bullet point 1 insert as new bullet point and renumber remaining bullet points accordingly:

'Calls upon the Government for Wales to pursue Sustainable Development as a positive opportunity for economic and social as well as environmental development.'

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)

After bullet point 1 insert as new bullet point and renumber remaining bullet points accordingly:

'Recognises the need for all public bodies including Countryside Council for Wales, the Environment Agency and the Welsh Development Agency to place Sustainable Development at the top of their priorities.'

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)

In bullet point 4 insert after 'Assembly Members' - "and the Committees"

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)

Delete full stop and add at the end of bullet point 4 " ,and to bring any recommendations before plenary within 3 months"

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)

Add as new bullet point at the end of the motion:

'Welcomes the progress already made in the Sustainable Development Scheme Draft Action Plan and indicators.'

Amendment 6 - Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)

Add as new bullet point at the end of the motion

'Calls on the First Minister to attend the Earth Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 as a member of the UK delegation. '

The session will conclude at 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 1st March 2001

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly