

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

Oral Questions to the First Minister

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Item 2

Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister

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Item 3

Approval of the Education (School Government)(Wales)(Amendment) Regulations 2001

NDM699 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Education (School Government)(Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 8 May 2001.

NDM700 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. 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 Education (School Government) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 15 May 2001;

2. approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 8 May 2001 and the Memorandum of Corrections laid in Table Office on 23 May 2001.

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Item 4

Approval of the Special Grant Report No13

NDM701 - 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 Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report

(No 13) (Wales) 2001 which was laid in the Table Office on Monday 11 June 2001.

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Item 5

Debate on the Local Government Act

NDM702 -To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Welcomes the provisions of the Assembly Local Government Bill (details of which were E-mailed to Members on 12 June 2001) which will require the modernisation of local government constitutions and political management structures and lead to greater transparency and accountability in local government.

2. Notes the draft guidance for local authorities entitled '*Consultation Guidelines for County and County Borough Councils in Wales*', and '*Guidance for County and County Borough Councils in Wales on Executive Arrangements*' both laid in the Table Office on 11 June

Click [here](#) for Consultation Guidelines for County and County Borough Councils in Wales'- Please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb

Click [here](#) for Guidance for County and County Borough Councils in Wales on Executive Arrangements' - Please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb

Click [here](#) for The Local Government Act 2000 (Proposals for Executive Arrangements) (Wales) Direction 2001

Click [here](#) for The Local Government Act 2000 (Local Authority Constitution) (Wales) Direction 2001

Click [here](#) for The Local Government Act 2000 (Fall-back Proposals) (Wales) Direction 2001

The following amendments have been tabled:

In accordance with the revised guidance on the Grouping, Selection and Refusal of Amendments, the Presiding Officer has determined the order in which they will be taken and has decided to group the amendments as follows for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)+(2)+(4)+(7)

(3)

(5)+(6)

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Delete 'welcomes' in line 1 and replace with 'notes'

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Delete all after ' management ' in point 1, and replace with 'noting that the aim of this bill is to produce greater transparency and accountability in local government.'

Amendment 3 - Ron Davies (Caerphilly)

Add at the end of point 1:

'and believing in the spirit of accountability, democracy and inclusivity, the National Assembly for Wales instructs the Commission established to examine different forms of proportional representation for Local Government to first consult with the Welsh Local Government Association and report its findings to the National Assembly for Wales before proceeding with any further aspects of its review.'

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add as new point 2 and renumber remaining point accordingly:

2. 'Calls on local government to bring forward those open and accessible structures which will restore confidence in local government and enable it to be the leader of its community, governing locally.'

Amendment 5 - William Graham (South Wales East);

Add a new point, which reads:

Asks the Minister to clarify in the form of guidance, that within the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2001, all records and support documents should be made available, upon request, to all elected members of a Council or Authority as of right by their membership of that Council or Authority.

Amendment 6 - William Graham (South Wales East);

Add a new point, which reads:

Regrets the lack of specification that opposition council members should chair scrutiny committees, and calls upon the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Communities to introduce this stipulation at the first opportunity.

Amendment 7 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

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

' expresses concern that yet again we have to accept legislation drafted for England that is unsuitable for Wales, and regrets the lack of power to form our own legislation that addresses the unique needs of Wales.

Item 6

Composite motion to approve:

NDM703 -To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

1. Approves The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Functions and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Functions and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 5 June 2001.

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2. Approves The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Discharge of Functions) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Discharge of Functions) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 5 June 2001.

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3. Approves The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Decisions Documents and Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Decisions Documents and Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 5 June 2001.

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4. Approves The Local Authorities (Proposals for Executive Arrangements) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Authorities (Proposals for Executive Arrangements) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 5 June 2001.

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5. Approves The Local Authorities (Proposals for Alternative Arrangements) Wales

Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Authorities (Proposals for Alternative Arrangements) Wales Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 5 June 2001.

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6. Approves The Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions and Directions) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions and Directions) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 5 June 2001.

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7. Approves The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 22 May 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 5 June 2001 and the Memorandum of Corrections laid in Table Office on 11 June 2001.

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The session will conclude by 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 21st June 2001

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