Plenary Session 2001 – 2002 (38)

Thursday, 13th December 2001

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 9.05am

Item 1

Local Government Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Communities

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Item 2

Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for the Environment

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Item 3

Statement: The Minister for Finance, Local Government & Communities will make a statement on Consultation of Public Private Partnership and Private Finance Initiative

Item 4

Approval of The Countryside Access (Local Access Forums) (Wales) Regulations 2001 NDM897 To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Countryside Access (Local Access Forums) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 November 2001.

NDM898 To propose that the National Assembly:

- 1. considers the report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The Countryside Access (Local Access Forums) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 27 November 2001; and
- 2. approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 20

November 2001 and the Memorandum Of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 3 December 2001.

Click <u>here</u> for the draft regulations

Click <u>here</u> for the Legislation Committee Report

Click here for the Memorandum Of Corrections

Item 5

Approval of The Countryside Access (Draft Maps) (Wales) Regulations 2001

NDM899 To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Countryside Access (Draft Maps) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 November 2001.

NDM900 To propose that the National Assembly:

- 1. considers the report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The Countryside Access (Draft Maps) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 27 November 2001; and
- 2. approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 20 November 2001 and the Memorandum Of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 3 December 2001.

Click <u>here</u> for the draft regulations

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Item 6

Approval of the Environmental Protection (Restriction on use of Leadshot)(Wales) Regulations 2001

NDM901 To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Environmental Protection (Restriction on use of Lead Shot) (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office on 20 November 2001.

NDM902 To propose that the National Assembly:

1. considers the report of the Legislation Committee which does not draw the special attention of the Assembly to any matter under Standing Order 11.5, in relation to the draft order, The

Environmental Protection (Restriction on use of Lead Shot) (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 27 November 2001

2. approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 20 November 2001 and the Memorandum of Corrections, laid in the Table Office on 3 December 2001, and the Regulatory Appraisal, laid in the Table Office on 20 November 2001.

Click <u>here</u> for the draft regulations

Click here for the Legislation Committee Report

Click here for the Memorandum Of Corrections

Click here for the Regulatory Appraisal

Item 7

Debate on the National Economic Development Strategy

NDM903 To propose that the National Assembly:

- 1. approves the National Economic Development Strategy published as "A Winning Wales";
- 2. notes the intention of the Welsh Assembly Government to implement the Strategy in conjunction with its partners;
- 3. agrees to review the Strategy at regular intervals;
- 4. notes the intention of the Welsh Assembly Government to publish the progress made with the strategy.

A copy of the National Economic Development Strategy, published as "A Winning Wales", was e-mailed to all National Assembly Members on 6 December 2001 - please note this document will not be available on the Chamberweb

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:

$$(1)+(3)+(4)+(5)+(7)$$

 $(2)+(6)+(8)+(9)+(10)+(11)$

1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In Point 1, replace 'approves' with 'notes'.

2. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

In Point 1 Replace "approves" with "notes"

3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at end of Point 1:

'but contrasts:

- I. the aim of spreading prosperity more evenly with the refusal to set regional targets;
- II. the aim of developing a knowledge-based economy with the low priority given to Higher Education in the budget so that the shortfall of spending per student in comparison to England and Scotland is increasing;
- III. the aim of providing world-class electronic communications with a small budget allocated to broadband infrastructure;
- IV. the aim of encouraging clean energy development with the practice that has blocked most major wind and bio-fuel projects in Wales over the past two years;
- V. the aim of maximising State Aid derogation's with the failure to obtain effective Operating Aids for industry in the Objective 1 region of Wales.

4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In Points 2 and 4 replace 'Welsh Assembly Government' with 'Government of Wales'

5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at end of point 2:

"but regrets the failure of the Government to implement the recommendations of the Economic Development Committee to establish an Economic Policy Board".

6. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

At end of point 2 add "but regrets that actions contained in the document do not link specifically to the targets and outcomes"

7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at end of point 3:

"and hopes that an improved version of the Strategy will be completed in time for the mid-term evaluation of the Objective 1 Programme".

8. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

At end of point 3 add

"and calls for an Economic Policy Board, as recommended in the Economic Development Committee's review of Business Support, to conduct this duty and to publish annually the progress made against the strategy and targets"

9. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

Add at the end of point 4

"annually against the targets listed in the document"

10. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

Add new point at the end of motion:

"Notes that the Growth target of Welsh GDP per person to rise from 80% to 90% of the UK average over the next decade is unlikely to be achieved unless there is a significant increase in resources available for Economic Development purposes.

11. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

Add new point at the end of motion:

"Calls on the proposed Economic Research Advisory Panel to report within 12 months to the National Assembly on the likelihood of the Welsh Assembly Government of achieving its GDP growth target through 'A Winning Wales' under planned resources."

Item 8

Short Debate:

NDM896 Helen Mary Jones (Llanelli); Who is Governing Wales?

The session should conclude by 12.35pm

The Assembly will be in recess from 17th December 2001 - 7th January 2002

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Tuesday, 8th January 2002

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly