

Wednesday, 3rd November 2004

AGENDA

The meeting will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services

Click [here](#) for the questions

Item 2

Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning & Countryside

Click [here](#) for the questions

Item 3

Motion to Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward the Motion under Item 4 NDM2149 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 37.5, agrees to suspend Standing Order 6.13, to allow the No Named Day Motion (NNDM2145) tabled on 2 November 2004, to be debated in Plenary on Wednesday 3 November 2004.

Item 4

NNDM2145 Janet Davies (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales recommend Jeremy Colman to the Secretary of State for Wales for appointment as Auditor General for Wales.

Item 5

Debate on matters relating to the European Union in accordance with Standing Order 6.6

NDM2143 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the contribution made by the Assembly Government to the debate on the EU Constitutional Treaty and looks forward to playing a full role in the future referendum debate;
2. Recognises the progress made in maintaining the European profile and influence of

Wales with European institutions;

3. Welcomes the Assembly Government's intention to make a telling contribution towards the success of the UK EU Presidency in 2005; and

4. Welcomes the Assembly Government's successful management of the current Structural Funds Programmes, other EU initiatives and its lead in securing the best deal for Wales from the ongoing review of EU regional policy.

Copies of the EU Constitutional Treaty can be accessed via the hyperlink below:

http://europa.eu.int/futurum/eu_constitution_en.htm - 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 for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1), (4), (8) + (9)

(2), (5), (6), (10) + (12)

(3), (7), (11) + (13)

Amendment 1 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Delete all in point 1 and replace with:

'Welcomes the decision to hold a referendum on the EU Constitutional Treaty.'

If Amendment 1 is carried amendments 2 + 3 will fall

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete everything in point 1 and replace with:

'Regrets the lack of a contribution made by the Assembly Government to the debate on the EU Constitutional Treaty and calls on the Government to play a full role in the future referendum debate.'

If Amendment 2 is carried amendment 3 will fall

Amendment 3 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

In point 1: Delete the word 'government'.

Amendment 4 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Delete all in point 2 and replace with:

'Recognises the need to establish a strong Welsh profile, and deplores the omission of Wales from the recent Eurostat Map.'

If Amendment 4 is carried amendment 5 will fall

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 2, after 'Recognises the' insert the words 'lack of'.

Amendment 6 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete everything in point 3 and replace with:

'Calls on the Assembly Government to raise the profile of Wales and issues of immediate relevance to Wales during the UK Presidency in 2005.'

If Amendment 6 is carried amendments 7 + 8 will fall

Amendment 7 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Delete point 3 and Replace with: "Believes the Assembly Government should make a telling contribution towards the success of the UK EU Presidency in 2005 by taking the lead in securing the best deal for Wales from the ongoing review of EU regional structural policy"

If Amendment 7 is carried amendment 8 will fall

Amendment 8 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add at the end of point 3:

'and calls upon the Assembly Government to bring forward details of that intended contribution for debate in the National Assembly for Wales'.

Amendment 9 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Delete point 4 in its entirety and replace with:

Regrets the Welsh Assembly Government's failure to make full use of the current structural funds programmes and other EU initiatives and regrets its failure to take a lead in securing Wales' interest in future EU regional policy.

If Amendment 9 is carried amendments 10 + 11 will fall

Amendment 10 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete everything in point 4, and replace with:

‘Condemns the Assembly Government for its failures in managing the current Structural Funds Programme, its failure to secure adequate matching funds from the UK Treasury, its lack of leadership during the negotiations leading to the next round of Structural Funds; and calls on the First Minister to back the European Commission’s proposals rather than those put forward by the UK Treasury.’

If Amendment 10 is carried amendment 11 will fall

Amendment 11 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Delete all of point 4 and replace with "Calls on the Assembly Government to ensure that the return from the present round of European Structural Funds is maximised"

Amendment 12 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add new point at end of motion:

‘Accepts that Wales can only substantially improve its relationship with Europe and increase its profile and influence when it secures a proper Parliament.’

Amendment 13 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add a new point at end of motion: "Calls on the government to explain why European Structural Funding lines continue in the budget at a flatline, after the present structural fund period has ended"

**Item 6
Debate on the Annual Report of the Local Government Partnership Scheme in
accordance with Standing Order 6.6
NDM2142 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Part II of Schedule 11 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and Standing Order 6.6, considers the Local Government Partnership Scheme annual report for 2003-2004, which was laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Members on 27 October 2004.

Click [here](#) for for the Report

The following amendments has 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 for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)

(2) + (3)

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at the end of motion:

Notes the need for the Partnership Council to prepare a strategy to reduce unacceptably high levels of Council Tax.

Amendment 2 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add a new point at end of motion: "Notes the damage done to partnership working by the governments continued support for the council tax; a tax whose gearing inevitably leads to higher than inflation council tax increases with the blame being attached to local authorities"

Amendment 3 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add a new point at end of motion: "Notes the damage done to partnership working by the governments failure to publish the full implications of the revaluation process in one go. This has led to growing concerns about the impact on individuals and councils"

Item 7

Short Debate - NDM2141 Peter Black (South Wales West): Homelessness - the Ultimate Social Exclusion.

It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 5.30pm

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly