Second Assembly Plenary Meeting (97)

Tuesday, 9th November 2004

AGENDA

The meeting will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

Motion to elect David Melding in place of Jonathan Morgan as a member of the Business Committee

NDM2146 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 13.2, elects David Melding (Conservative) to its Business Committee in place of Jonathan Morgan (Conservative).

Item 2

Motion to elect a Police Authority representative to the Local Government Partnership Council

NDM2147 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with paragraphs 1(1) and 3 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 1998 appoints Cllr Haydn Lewis (Dyfed-Powys Police Authority), representative for the Police Authorities in Wales, to the Local Government Partnership Council for Wales.

Item 3

First Minister's Question Time

Click here for the questions

Item 4

Business Statement

Click here for the Draft Business Statement

Item 5

Statement by the Minister for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport: Wales Millennium

Centre

Item 6

This item is not subject to debate and will proceed to a vote immediately Motion to approve under Standing Orders 24.25, 25.13 & 25.14

NDM2150 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 24.25, 25.13 & 25.14:

Approves the draft The Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004; and notes the Explanatory Memorandum for the above regulations laid in Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004.

Click <u>here</u> for The Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 Click <u>here</u> for the Explanatory Memorandum

Item 7

This item is not subject to debate and will proceed to a vote immediately Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.25

NDM2151 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 24.25:

- 1. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004 on the draft Order **The Water Act 2003** (Commencement No. 2) (Wales) Order 2004; and
- b) Approves The Water Act 2003 (Commencement No. 2) (Wales) Order 2004 is made in accordance with the draft Order laid in the Table Office on 20 October 2004

Click <u>here</u> for The Water Act 2003 (Commencement No. 2) (Wales) Order 2004 Click <u>here</u> for the report of the Legislation Committee

- 2. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004 on the draft Regulations **The Council Tax** (Liability for Owners) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004; and
- b) Approves The Council Tax (Liability for Owners) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with:
- i) the draft Regulations laid in the Table Office on 20 October 2004;
- ii) Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004

Click <u>here</u> for The Council Tax (Liability for Owners) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 Click <u>here</u> for the report of the Legislation Committee Click <u>here</u> for the Regulatory Appraisal

- 3. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004 on the draft Order The Council Tax (Chargeable Dwellings, Exempt Dwellings and Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2004; and
- b) Approves The Council Tax (Chargeable Dwellings, Exempt Dwellings and Discount Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2004 is made in accordance with:
- i) the draft Order laid in the Table Office on 20 October 2004;
- ii) Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004:
- iii) the Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004.

Click <u>here</u> for The Council Tax (Chargeable Dwellings, Exempt Dwellings and Discount

Disregards) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2004

Click here for the report of the Legislation Committee

Click **here** for the Regulatory Appraisal

Click here for the Memorandum of Correction

Proposal to debate the next two items together but with separate votes Item 8

Motion to approve The Fire Rescue Services Act 2004 (Firefighters` Pension Scheme) (Wales) Order 2004

NDM2152 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Firefighters' Pension Scheme) (Wales) Order 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 26 October 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 determined the order in which they will be taken for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)+(2)+(3)

Amendment 1 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Commits to ensuring existing members will continue to receive their full entitlement under the revised scheme.

Amendment 2 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Commits to ensure that there will be no employer/employee 'contributions holiday' from this scheme.

Amendment 3 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Commits to ensuring this scheme is fully funded and pensions provision is fully protected.

NDM2153 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004 in relation to the draft order The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Firefighters' Pension Scheme) (Wales) Order 2004; and
- 2. Approves that, The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Firefighters' Pension Scheme) (Wales) Order 2004 is made in accordance with:
- a) The draft Order laid in the Table Office on 26 October 2004;
- b) Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 26 October 2004.

Click <u>here</u> for The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Firefighters' Pension Scheme) (Wales) Order 2004

Click <u>here</u> for the report of the Legislation Committee

Click <u>here</u> for the Regulatory Appraisal

Item 9

Motion to approve The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Commencement) (Wales) Regulations 2004

NDM2154 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 26 October 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 determined the order in which they will be taken for the purposes of debate. Votes will be taken separately:

(1)+(2)+(3)

Amendment 1 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Agrees that wide ranging and meaningful consultations with the FBU and the Retained Firefighters Union must be undertaken before any decision to combine the Fire & Rescue authorities in Wales.

Amendment 2 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Commits to ensuring that full funding for the provision of all necessary equipment, to meet the increased responsibilities of the Fire & Rescue Service.

Amendment 3 - David Melding (South Wales Central)

Add new point at end of motion:

Commits to ensuring that full funding for the provision of all necessary training, to meet the increased responsibilities of the Fire & Rescue Service.

NDM2155 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004 in relation to the draft Order The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2004; and
- 2. Approves that, The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2004 is made in accordance with:
- a) The draft Order laid in the Table Office on 26 October 2004;
- b) the Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004.

Click <u>here</u> for The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2004

Click here for the report of the Legislation Committee

Click here for the Memorandum of Correction

Item 10

Motion to approve The Single Payment Scheme and Miscellaneous Direct Support Schemes (Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2004

NDM2156 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Single Payment Scheme and Miscellaneous Direct Support Schemes (Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 20 October 2004.

NDM2157 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004 in relation to the draft order The Single Payment Scheme and Miscellaneous Direct Support Schemes (Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2004; and
- b) Approves that, The Single Payment Scheme and Miscellaneous Direct Support Schemes (Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with:
- i) The draft Regulations laid in the Table Office on 20 October 2004;
- ii) Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004.

Click <u>here</u> for The Single Payment Scheme and Miscellaneous Direct Support Schemes (Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2004

Click here for the report of the Legislation Committee

Click <u>here</u> for the Regulatory Appraisal

Proposal to debate the next two items together but with separate votes Item 11

Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.27 The National Curriculum (Key Stage 2 Assessment Arrangements) (Wales) Order 2004

NDM2158 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The National Curriculum (Key Stage 2 Assessment

Arrangements) (Wales) Order 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and emailed to Assembly Member on 2 November 2004.

NDM2159 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The National Curriculum (Key Stage 2 Assessment Arrangements) (Wales) Order 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004.

To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been disapplied by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 24.27 (i), (ii) and (iii).

Click <u>here</u> for The National Curriculum (Key Stage 2 Assessment Arrangements) (Wales) Order 2004

Item 12

Motion to approve under Standing Order 24.27 The National Curriculum (Key Stage 2 Assessment Arrangements) (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2004

NDM2160 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The National Curriculum (Key Stage 2 Assessment Arrangements) (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and emailed to Assembly Member on 2 November 2004.

NDM2161 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The National Curriculum (Key Stage 2 Assessment Arrangements) (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 2 November 2004.

To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been disapplied by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 24.27 (i), (ii) and (iii).

Click <u>here</u> for The National Curriculum (Key Stage 2 Assessment Arrangements) (Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2004

Item 13

The Welsh Conservatives Party nominated debate

NDM2148 David Melding (South Wales Central)

The National Assembly for Wales notes with concern the postcode lottery of the GP out of hours provision.

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)+(2)+(3)

Amendment 1 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Expresses its concern that members of the public are confused about the differing situations in which they should access out of hours services, NHS Direct or Accident and Emergency Services and calls on the Assembly Government to lead a Wales-wide National Information Campaign to increase user-awareness of the most effective ways of accessing services.

Amendment 2 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Minister to ensure that where GP practices opt out of out of hours services that Local Health Boards are adequately funded to secure alternative arrangements for Welsh patients.

Amendment 3 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need for a holistic approach and that as part of this out of hours services should include not just General Practitioners but also patient access to a multi-disciplinary team of Healthcare professionals.

It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Wednesday, 10th November 2004

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