

**Second Assembly Plenary Meeting (182)  
Wednesday, 1 February 2006**

**AGENDA**

**The meeting will commence at 2.00pm**

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**Item 1 - Motion to Suspend Standing Orders**

**Item 2 - Motion to Revise Standing Orders**

**Item 3 - Local Government Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services**

**Item 4 - Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning**

**Item 5 - Revised Draft Business Statement**

**Item 6 - Motion to approve Special Grant Report 2 (Wales) 2006 - Ozone Depleting Substances**

**Item 7 - Debate on Communities First**

**Item 8 - Debate on Arts Policy**

**Item 9 - Short debate - NDM2815 Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): The Future of Healthcare in Mid & West Wales**

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**Item 1 - Motion to Suspend Standing Orders**

**NDM2828 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 37.5:

Suspends Standing Order 6.13 and that part of Standing Order 5.4 that requires the weekly Business Statement to constitute the agreed timetable for Assembly Business for the following week, to allow the No Named Day Motion (NNDM2827) tabled on 1 February 2006 - for the revision of Standing Orders - to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 1 February 2006.

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**Item 2 - Motion to Revise Standing Orders**

**NNDM2827 Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central)**

To propose that the National Assembly acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and Standing Order 37:

- 1. Considers the report of the Business Committee which was e-mailed to Members and laid in the Table Office on 1 February 2006; and
- 2. Approves the amendment to Standing Orders set out in the report of the Business Committee.

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**Item 3 - Local Government Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services**

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**Item 4 - Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning**

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## **Item 5 - Revised Draft Business Statement**

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## **Item 6 - Motion to approve Special Grant Report 2 (Wales) 2006 - Ozone Depleting Substances**

**NDM2818 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Under S88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and in accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No 2) (Wales) (2006), which was laid in the Table Office on 20 January 2006.

### Supporting Documents

[Local Government Finance \(Wales\) Special Grant Report 2 \(Wales\) 2006](#)

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## **Item 7 - Debate on Communities First**

**NDM2816 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the positive achievements of the Communities First Programme.
2. Recognises the long term nature of investment required to bring about change in this area.
3. Reaffirms the Programme's commitment to local ownership and implementation within a nationally-agreed framework.

### ***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, 8 + 9)**  
**(2 + 3)**  
**(4, 5, 6 + 7)**

**1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):**

In point 2 insert after 'area':

'but notes with concern that the WAG has set no measurable targets for poverty reduction in the Communities First Programme.'

**2. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):**

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure that when published, the main report of the ongoing evaluation of the Communities First programme, is debated by the Assembly in plenary.

**3. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to work with the education sector to ensure that there are a sufficient number of professionally trained community development officers throughout Wales.

**4. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Urges the Welsh Assembly Government to incorporate Regional Warden Resources Centres into its Communities First strategy.

**5. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Expresses concern that housing is not at the centre of Welsh community regeneration and the Communities First programme.

**6. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes that local ownership means that the biggest part of partnership should come from empowered

communities.

**7. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure that all Communities First Programme (Pockets of Deprivation) electoral divisions are not discriminated against and are included within the Higher Education ‘Reaching Higher, Reaching Wider’ targets.

**8. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):**

Add new point at end of motion:

Supports the principle of an effective well funded anti – poverty programme.

**9. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East):**

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes the concerns raised in the Interim Evaluation of the Communities First Programme.

*The Interim Evaluation of the Communities First Programme can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.wales.gov.uk/assemblydata/N000000000000000000000000000009207.htm>*

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**Item 8 - Debate on Arts Policy**

**NDM2817 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales :

1. Recognises the record £181m investment in the arts and the 56% increase in the Arts Council for Wales’ grant-in-aid since 1999.
2. Supports the policy objective of raising participation levels in socially deprived communities in order to ensure that all communities in Wales benefit from public funding for the arts.
3. Confirms the “arm’s length principle” that politicians should not make decisions on artistic content.
4. Confirms the importance of democratic accountability in public funding relating to policy,

governance and infrastructure.

*The following amendment has been tabled:*

**Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**  
**Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**  
**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Insert new point 1 and renumber accordingly:

1. Instructs the Welsh Assembly Government to immediately carry out a public review of the role of the Arts Council for Wales and to halt, forthwith, all work associated in any way with its preparations to take over responsibility for the direct funding of Welsh National Opera; National Orchestra of Wales; Diversions; Academi; Clwyd Theatr Cymru and Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru until:

- a) a comprehensive consultation has been carried out with all interested parties, the terms of which to be agreed by the Committee for Culture, Welsh Language and Sport; and
- b) it seeks the approval of the National Assembly by a motion to be tabled by the Business Minister in December 2006.

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**Item 9 - Short Debate - NDM2815 Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales): The Future of Healthcare in Mid & West Wales**

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**It is expected that the meeting will conclude by 5.30pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 7 February 2006**

**E P Silk**

