

AGENDA

The Session will commence at 2.00pm

Item 1

Death of Her Royal Highness, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon: Statement by the Presiding Officer

Item 2

Election of a Planning Decision Committee

NDM953 - To propose that the National Assembly resolves:

1. That a committee, to be known as Planning Decision Committee 2002-3 be established, in accordance with Standing Order 35 to discharge the functions of the Assembly under Section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in respect of the matter identified in the Schedule to this motion and that the Assembly's functions in that respect be delegated to that Committee;
2. That the members of that Committee be:

Richard Edwards AM
Val Lloyd AM
Geraint Davies AM
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM
3. That the Committee shall cease to exist when the Chair of the Committee signs the decision letter in accordance with Standing Order 35.16 or on the 15 March 2002 whichever is the earlier.
4. That if the Committee shall cease to exist without the Chair having signed a decision letter in respect of the matter identified in the Schedule to this motion then in that event the functions identified in paragraph 1 above are, in relation to such matter, delegated to the First Minister.

Schedule

Application by Castle Cement Ltd for proposed new kiln line and associated plant, limestone store, fuel storage buildings, re-profiling of former licensed waste site, and ancillary works at

Padeswood Cement Works, Padeswood, Mold, Flintshire

Item 3

Election of a Planning Decision Committee

NDM954 - To propose that the National Assembly resolves:

1. That a committee, to be known as Planning Decision Committee 2002-2 be established, in accordance with Standing Order 35 to discharge the functions of the Assembly under Section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in respect of the matter identified in the Schedule to this motion and that the Assembly's functions in that respect be delegated to that Committee;
2. That the members of that Committee be:

Sue Essex AM (Chair)
Karen Sinclair AM
Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM
David Davies AM
3. That the Committee shall cease to exist when the Chair of the Committee signs the decision letter in accordance with Standing Order 35.16 or on the 28 February 2002 whichever is the earlier.
4. That if the Committee shall cease to exist without the Chair having signed a decision letter in respect of the matter identified in the Schedule to this motion then in that event the functions identified in paragraph 1 above are, in relation to such matter, delegated to the First Minister.

Schedule

Application by Welsh Development Agency for proposed business and industrial development on land north-east of Shotwick Road, Deeside Development Zone, Flintshire.

Item 4

Oral Questions to the First Minister

Click [here](#) for the questions

Item 5

Statement: Student hardship

Item 6

Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister

Click here for the Draft Business Statement

Item 7

Composite motion under SO22.25 :

NDM960 - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

*Approves: **The Sweeteners in Food (Amendment)(Wales) (No2) Regulations 2002*** laid in the Table Office on 15 January 2002;

Considers: a) the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order *The Sweeteners in Food (Amendment)(Wales) (No2) Regulations 2002*, laid in the Table Office on 29 January 2002; and

b) the Memorandum of Corrections, laid in the Table Office on 4 February 2002

Click [here](#) for the draft regulations

Click [here](#) for the Legislation Committee Report

Click [here](#) for the Memorandum of Corrections

*Approves: **The General Teaching Council for Wales (Fees) Regulations 2002*** laid in the Table Office on 15 January 2002; and

Considers: a) the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order *The General Teaching Council for Wales (Fees) Regulations 2002*, laid in the Table Office on 29 January 2002; and

b) The Regulatory Appraisal, laid in the Table Office on 15 January 2002.

Click [here](#) for the draft regulations

Click [here](#) for the Legislation Committee Report

Click [here](#) for the Regulatory Appraisal

*Approves: **The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations)(Wales) Regulations 2002*** laid in the Table Office on 15 January 2002; and 6. *Considers:*

a) the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order *The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations)(Wales) Regulations 2002*, laid in the Table Office on 29 January 2002; and

b) the Memorandum of Corrections, laid in the Table Office on 5 February 2002 and e-mailed to Members on 5 February 2002.

Click [here](#) for the draft regulations

Click [here](#) for the Legislation Committee Report

Click [here](#) for the Memorandum of Corrections

Item 8

Approval of the Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Rate Relief) Order 2002

NDM958 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the principle of The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Rate Relief) Order 2002, a copy of which was laid in the Table Office on 15 January 2002

NDM957 - 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 Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Rate Relief) Order 2002, laid in the Table Office on 29 January 2002.

2. Approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 15 January 2002.

Click [here](#) for the draft regulations

Click [here](#) for the Legislation Committee Report

Item 9

Approval of the Special Grant Report (2002)(No2) on funding arrangements to promote the Health Act 1999 Flexibilities

NDM956 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Under S88B 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 2) (Wales) 2002 which was laid in the Table Office on 4 February 2002.

Click [here](#) for the Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No 2) (Wales) 2002

Item 10

Approval of the Special Grant Report (2001) (No24) on the Social Services Performance Development Fund

NDM955 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Under S88B 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 24) (Wales) 2001 which was laid in the Table Office on 4 February 2002.

Click [here](#) for the Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No 24) (Wales) 2001

Item 11

Approval of the Special Grant Report (2002)(No3) on Carers

NDM959 - To propose that the National Assembly:

Under S88B 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 3) (Wales) 2002 which was laid in the Table Office on 4 February 2002.

Click [here](#) for the Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No 3) (Wales) 2002

Item 12

Debate on the Care Standards Act Regulations and National Minimum Standards

NDM961 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Welcomes this first set of Regulations and National Minimum Standards which will underpin the work of the Care Standards Inspectorate from April this year and which will bring about an improvement in the regulation of care settings by introducing all-Wales coherence, consistency and independence into the regulatory process;
2. Notes that the Regulations are designed to introduce stronger protection for vulnerable adults and children, and adults receiving care at home; and an improvement in the quality of their care;
3. Welcomes to the Assembly from 1 April around 200 staff from the 22 local and 5 health authorities and wishes them well in their future careers with the Assembly;
4. Notes that the creation of the CSIW's 8 regional and 3 local offices will increase the Assembly's profile and presence across Wales.

The first set of Regulations (which comprises the Care Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002; Children's Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002; Private and Voluntary Healthcare (Wales) Regulations 2002) was laid in the Table Office on 4 February 2002; A copy of the National Minimum Standards was E-mailed to all Members on 5 February 2002.

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)+(3)

(4)

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

In point 3 delete 'welcomes' and replace with ' Notes the transfer' and delete all after 'authorities'

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of motion as new point:

Instructs the Government to ensure that full and thorough consultation with the diverse care sector forms a continuous part of the regulatory process.

Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at end of motion as new point:

Expresses it's grave concern about the overall under funding of care services in Wales, and calls on the Government to ensure that care services are funded so that the highest standards are achieved and maintained.

Amendment 4 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

Add at end of motion as new point:

Acknowledges that the introduction of National Minimum Standards will have cost implications for social care providers which will have to be met through higher fee levels.

Click [here](#) for the Care Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002

Click [here](#) for the Children's Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002

Click [here](#) for the Private and Voluntary Healthcare (Wales) Regulations 2002

Item 13

Approval under SO22.25 of:

NDM962 - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

Approves:

1. Care Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002 laid in the Table Office on 4 February 2002;
2. Children's Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002 laid in the Table Office on 4 February 2002;
3. Private and Voluntary Healthcare (Wales) Regulations 2002 laid in the Table Office on 4 February 2002;

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

Delete "To propose that the National Assembly".

And replace with:

"The National Assembly regrets the partial disapplication of the subordinate legislative procedure which is a consequence of the Assembly Administration's maladroit time-tabling, but,"

Copies of the Regulations are linked under Item 10

[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 22.27 (i), (ii) and (iii)].

The session will conclude by 5.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 14th February 2002

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly