Agenda - Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 30 December 2020

Meeting time: 10.30

313(v3) This meeting is a recall of the Senedd under Standing Order 12.3

This meeting will be held by video-conference.

Having consulted with the Business Committee, the Llywydd has determined that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.14A-D, Members would be able to vote from any location by electronic means.

The Llywydd will also give notice, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public are excluded from attending this Plenary meeting, as is required to protect public health. The meeting will continue to be broadcast live and the record of proceedings would be published as usual.

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

(5 mins)

NDM7531 Rebecca Evans (Gower)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Orders 12.20(i) and 12.22(i) to allow NDM7530 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 30 December 2020.

1 Debate: The End of the Transition Period

(90 mins)

NDM7530 Rebecca Evans (Gower)

To propose that the Senedd:



- 1. Notes the agreement in principle reached by the UK Government and the EU on our long-term future relationship at the end of the transition period.
- 2. Notes the UK Government's intention to implement the agreement via a European Union (Future Relationship) Bill.
- 3. Regrets that it is not in a position to determine legislative consent, given that the Bill has been provided to the Senedd at very short notice and contains provisions capable of impacting on the devolution settlement.
- 4. Regrets that this damaging deal does not reflect the aspirations of the Senedd as reflected in 'Securing Wales' Future' and 'The Future EU Relationship: Priorities for Wales' but nevertheless, accepts that this deal is less damaging than leaving the transition period without a trade deal.
- 5. Supports the continued efforts to mitigate the short-term disruption and the long-term harm which will result from the change in our economic relationship with the EU and calls on the UK Government to work with the Welsh Government to that end.

Securing Wales' Future

The future UK/EU relationship: negotiating priorities for Wales

Supporting Documents

European Union (Future Relationship) Bill

The following amendments were selected:

Amendment 1 Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Delete all and replace with:

- 1. Welcomes the trade and cooperation agreement between the UK Government and the European Union.
- 2. Believes that it is in the interests of Wales to extend support for the agreement and to provide legislative consent for its implementation via a European Union (Future Relationship) Bill.
- 3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to work constructively with the UK Government to take advantage of new opportunities for Wales arising from the end of the post-Brexit transition period.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 Caroline Jones (South Wales West)

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Regrets that the agreement does not fully reflect the will of the Welsh people, as expressed in the European Union referendum of June 2016, but notes that it does remove the United Kingdom from being subject to the European Union's laws, which has had a damaging impact on our economy and sovereignty, and brings to an end the divisive politics expressed by the denial of the democratic process by remain campaigners.

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3 Sian Gwenllian (Arfon)

In point 4, delete 'but nevertheless, accepts that this deal is less damaging than leaving the transition period without a trade deal' and replace with 'and believes that it represents a hard Brexit for which there is no mandate and which is not in Wales's interests'.

Amendment 4 Sian Gwenllian (Arfon)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Does not support the Conservative UK Government's deal and calls on Wales's representatives in the UK Parliament to vote accordingly.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), the other amendments tabled to the motion were not selected.

2 Voting Time

3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on Coronavirus

(45 mins)

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 12 January 2021