

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 24 February 2021

Meeting time: 12.45

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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.

1 Joint item with the Welsh Youth Parliament

(45 mins)

2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

(45 mins)

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3 Questions to the Minister for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

[To ask the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural affairs]



Adam Price (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)

Will the Minister make a statement on the support that is available to people following the recent floods that have affected communities across Wales?

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A British Sign Language (BSL) Bill.

(30 mins)

NDM7478 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill that would make provision to encourage the use of British Sign Language (BSL) in Wales, and improve access to education and services in BSL.

2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to:

a) ensure that the deaf community and people with hearing loss have a voice in the design and delivery of services to ensure they meet the needs of service users;

b) establish a BSL national advisory group to empower the BSL community in Wales;

c) require the Welsh Government to co-produce and publish a national BSL plan, and to establish strategic goals to improve the accessibility of public services, support services and enhance BSL skills across society.

d) require public bodies to co-produce and publish their own BSL plan to develop BSL awareness and training, and improve access to frontline services.

7 Welsh Conservatives debate – The Wales-wide nitrate vulnerable zone

(30 mins)

NDM7599 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to reverse the introduction of the Wales-wide nitrate vulnerable zone.
2. Further calls on the next Welsh Government to bring forward proposals to tackle pollution in Wales.

Amendment 1 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Supports the ambition of Welsh farming to be the most climate and nature friendly in the world and joins with the farming unions in recognising one agricultural pollution incident is one too many.

Recognises Welsh farming offers many of the most important solutions to the climate emergency, and many Welsh farmers already exemplify the changes in farming practice needed.

Accepts that control of agricultural emissions is an integral part of reaching net zero emissions in Wales and across the UK.

Agrees the first step in tackling agricultural emissions is to implement good practice measures already undertaken by the majority of farmers.

8 Plaid Cymru debate – Free school meals eligibility

(30 mins)

NDM7598 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the unallocated fiscal resource in the draft 2021–22 budget is used in the final budget for 2021–22 to expand free school meal eligibility criteria to include all children in families in receipt of universal credit or equivalent benefit and any child in a family with no recourse to public funds.

Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

1. Believes that it is unacceptable in a modern society that children still go hungry and that we will continue to step-up all our efforts in the provision of free school meals to stamp out the scourge of poverty and hunger.

2. Welcomes that the Welsh Government:

a) provided over £50 million of additional funding to ensure the continued provision of free school meals during the pandemic and was the first government in the UK to provide provision during school holidays;

b) provided additional funding to ensure that children who are self-isolating or shielding continue to receive free school meal provision when they are not able to attend school;

c) provides funding of £19.50 per week to free school meal-eligible families, which is the most generous provision in the UK;

d) ensured that Wales remains the only country in the UK to have a universal free breakfasts in primary schools scheme;

e) has been recognised by the Education Policy Institute (EPI) for being successful in ensuring families eligible for free school meals during the pandemic had “access to timely and appropriate support”;

f) is committed to a rapid review of all available resource and policy options including the income threshold for receiving free school meals based on the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) data.

[Education Policy Institute](#)

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7595 [David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#)

The Cumberlege Review: lessons for informed consent in the NHS.

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7597 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

What is the future of the sea fishing industry?

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 2 March 2021

Agenda Item 2

Oral Questions tabled on 17/02/2021 for answer on 24/02/2021

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

1

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

OQ56334

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting paramedics and the Welsh Ambulance Service?

2

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

OQ56300

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the support available to people living alone during the COVID-19 pandemic to avoid the risk of loneliness and isolation?

3

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

OQ56314

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on waiting times for orthopaedic treatment in north Wales?

4

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

OQ56298

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(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the vaccination programme is progressing in Alyn and Deeside?

5

Bethan Sayed *South Wales West*

OQ56331

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement regarding the deployment of health visitors in Wales?

6

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

OQ56326

(e)

What plans does the Minister have to roll out asymptomatic workplace testing in Wales?

7

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

OQ56306

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of dental services in the Hywel Dda University Health Board area?

8

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

OQ56312

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine for priority groups 6 to 9 in Wales as set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation?

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Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

OQ56316

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government plans regarding a recovery strategy for NHS Wales following the coronavirus crisis?

10

Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*

OQ56321

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve public health in South Wales Central?

11

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

OQ56304

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support those experiencing long COVID?

12

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

OQ56310

(e)

Will the Welsh Government provide an update on guidance issued to care homes to enable safe visiting during the coronavirus pandemic?

MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

1

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

OQ56299

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for mental health support?

2

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

OQ56302

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of whether the demand for domestic camping and caravan sites with COVID-safe facilities in Wales can be met in spring/summer 2021?

3

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

OQ56313

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support the mental health of the NHS and social care workforce during the pandemic?

4

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

OQ56311

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on progress towards achieving the objectives set out in Cymraeg 2050?

5

John Griffiths *Newport East*

OQ56328

(e)

What work is being done by the Welsh Government during the pandemic in partnership with local health boards, councils and charities to support those living with substance misuse?

6

Delvth Jewell *South Wales East***Pack Page 4**

OQ56336

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to try to prevent an increase in suicides as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

7

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

OQ56327

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to address the mental health and well-being needs of public sector workers in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

8

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

OQ56318

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on support for tourism businesses in Ynys Môn?

9

Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*

OQ56322

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on mental health care provision in South Wales Central?

10

Leanne Wood *Rhondda*

OQ56332

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support mental health services in the Rhondda?

11

Lynne Neagle *Torfaen*

OQ56325

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Children's Commissioner for Wales about the impact of the latest lockdown on the mental health of children and young people in Wales?

12

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

OQ56329

(e)

What steps is the Minister taking to promote the Welsh language in Islwyn through online language technology?