

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 3 March 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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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 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales (45 mins)

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2 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition (in respect of his European Transition responsibilities) (45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions (0 mins)

No Topical Questions were accepted.

4 90 Second Statements (5 mins)



5 Motion to Annul The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021

(30 mins)

NDM7576 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.2:

Agrees that The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021, [laid](#) before the Senedd on 27 January 2021, be annulled.

6 Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport report: Inquiry into the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on health and social care in Wales: Report 2 – Impact on mental health and wellbeing

(30 mins)

NDM7610 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee: Inquiry into the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on health and social care in Wales: Report 2 – Impact on mental health and wellbeing, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 17 December 2020.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 February 2021.

7 Debate on petitions concerning the COVID-19 vaccination programme

(30 mins)

NDM7608 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the following petitions concerning the COVID-19 vaccination programme:

a) Petition '[P-05-1117 Give Police Officers the Covid Vaccination as a priority](#)' which received 10,879 signatures;

b) Petition [‘P-05-1119 Prioritise teachers, school and childcare staff for COVID-19 vaccination’](#) which received 16,288 signatures.

P-05-1117 Give Police Officers the Covid Vaccination as a priority

P-05-1119 Prioritise teachers, school and childcare staff for COVID-19 vaccination

8 Debate on petitions concerning the development of a new Velindre Cancer Centre

(30 mins)

NDM7609 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the following petitions concerning the development of a new Velindre Cancer Centre:

a) Petition [‘P-05-1001 Hold an independent inquiry into the choice of site for the proposed new Velindre Cancer Centre’](#) which received 5,348 signatures;

b) Petition [‘P-05-1018 Support for the current proposed plans to build a new Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff, in any future inquiry’](#) which received 11,392 signatures.

P-05-1001 Hold an independent inquiry into the choice of site for the proposed new Velindre Cancer Centre

P-05-1018 Support for the current proposed plans to build a new Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff, in any future inquiry

9 Independent Alliance for Reform Group Debate – Investment in schools.

(30 mins)

NDM7606 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises that the lack of investment in school infrastructure over recent decades has resulted in many schools not being fit for purpose.
2. Welcomes recent investment such as the 21st Century Schools Programme, but regrets the fact that this is being used as a vehicle by local education authorities to merge schools.
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:
 - a) put a halt on the creation of super schools which are detrimental to the learning experience of young people;
 - b) ensure that local education authorities do not use a lack of investment as an excuse to close community schools; and
 - c) issue guidance to local education authorities to ensure that school pupils do not have to travel more than 15 minutes by car or public transport to attend their nearest school.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that all children and young people should have the opportunity to learn in the best learning environments.
2. Recognises that local authorities are responsible for planning school places and choosing an appropriate learning model for a particular area.
3. Notes that when making major changes to schools, including school closures, local authorities must comply with the School Organisation Code and take into account a range of factors, the prime concern being the interests of learners.
4. Welcomes that the Welsh Government:
 - a) has prioritised investment in the schools and colleges estate and continues to do so through its 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme;
 - b) will invest in excess of £300 million in our schools and colleges this year; the highest annual spend since the programme commenced;

- c) scrutinises investment in the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme to ensure that active travel is a key part of the new provision; and
- d) is reviewing the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, which sets the conditions under which local authorities are required to provide home to school travel for learners, to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.

[School Organisation Code](#)

[21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme](#)

[Learner Travel \(Wales\) Measure 2008](#)

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

Amendment 2 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) end the underfunding of pupils in Wales;
- b) deliver fair funding for local authorities to protect rural schools;
- c) bring forward projects in phase B of the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme to start rebuilding Wales;
- d) ensure that all new schools are designed in a disability-aware way;
- e) resist the creation of super schools and ensure no school is closed against community wishes;
- f) ensure that local education authorities cannot use a lack of investment as an excuse to close local schools; and
- g) conduct a Wales-wide audit of the condition of the existing estate for Welsh medium provision.

10 Voting Time

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7607 [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#)

Adapt now Welsh homes for motor neurone disease: how can we make sure people living with MND have safe and accessible homes, maintaining independence, dignity and quality of life.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 9 March 2021

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 24/02/2021 for answer on 03/03/2021

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

MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND NORTH WALES

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

1 OQ56341 (e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring that businesses in Pembrokeshire are able to access business support during the pandemic?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

2 OQ56342 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the effect of recent flooding on the trunk road network?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

3 OQ56353 (e)

What measures are in place to support Cardiff Airport when the lockdown restrictions end?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

4 OQ56345 (e)

How is the Welsh Government helping hospitality businesses in North Wales during the pandemic?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

5 OQ56348 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting business recovery in north Wales?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

6 OQ56358 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to support the economic recovery of Cardiff city centre in light of the pandemic?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

7 OQ56372 (e)

What economic support has the Welsh Government given to Newport city centre during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

8 OQ56361 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to support the economic development of town centres in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

9 OQ56371 (e) *Withdrawn*

How will Mid and West Wales benefit from the Welsh Government's plans for post-COVID economic recovery?

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

10 OQ56364 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to help small businesses in South Wales West to recover from the coronavirus pandemic?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

11 OQ56352 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government action to support businesses in Cynon Valley?

Bethan Sayed *South Wales West*

12 OQ56365 (e)

What are the Welsh Government's priorities for expanding routes back into work for those that have lost employment in the past year?

COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN TRANSITION

Dawn Bowden *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

1 OQ56362 (e)

What is the Welsh Government's latest assessment of the impact of the EU-UK trade and cooperation agreement on the south Wales valleys?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

2 OQ56363 (e)

Will the Counsel General provide an update on the UK Government's shared prosperity fund?

Michelle Brown *North Wales*

3 OQ56357 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the potential to attract international businesses to Wales now the UK has left the EU?

Vikki Howells *Cynon Valley*

4 OQ56350 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had about short-term work placements for learners from other parts of Europe coming to Wales post-Brexit?

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

5 OQ56359 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to protect the rights of musicians to work and travel across the European Union and beyond?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

6 OQ56360 (e)

What discussions has the Counsel General had regarding the ability of Welsh people to study abroad following the UK's withdrawal from the EU?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

7 OQ56354 (w)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the impact of leaving the European Union on ferry traffic through the Port of Holyhead?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

8 OQ56370 (e)

What representations has the Welsh Government made to the UK Government concerning the operation of the shared prosperity fund?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

9 OQ56368 (e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on the future of the shellfish industry after leaving the European Union?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

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OQ56356 (e)

Will the Counsel General make a statement on measures taken to smooth the flow of European trade to and from Wales?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

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OQ56367 (w)

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with the UK Government regarding the single issuing authority in light of the UK leaving the EU?