

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 9 March 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a virtual format, with Members joining by video-conference.

### 1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. 9 The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

The Deputy Minister and Chief Whip answered questions 1–2 and 4–6 for the last 15 minutes of this session on matters relating to her responsibilities. Question 3 was withdrawn.

### 2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.50

### 3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on COVID–19 Vaccinations

The item started at 15.13

### 4 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2021

The item started at 15.35

NDM7614 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:



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**Welsh Parliament**

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 26 February 2021.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36

**Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 5–8 together but with separate votes – Postponed until 16 March 2021**

**5 The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (Amendment of 2050 Emissions Target) Regulations 2021**

This item was postponed.

**6 The Climate Change (Interim Emissions Targets) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

This item was postponed.

**7 The Climate Change (Carbon Budgets) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

This item was postponed.

**8 The Climate Change (Net Welsh Emissions Account Credit Limit) (Wales) Regulations 2021**

This item was postponed.

**9 The Equality Act 2010 (Authorities subject to a duty regarding Socio-economic Inequalities) (Wales) Regulations 2021**

The item started at 15.44

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM7616 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Equality Act 2010 (Authorities subject to a duty regarding Socio-economic Inequalities) (Wales) Regulations 2021 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 9 February 2021.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	2	3	51

The motion was agreed.

## 10 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2021

The item started at 15.48

**NDM7615** [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves that the draft The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2021 are made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 9 February 2021.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 11 Debate: The Third Supplementary Budget 2020–21

The item started at 15.52

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

**NDM7622** [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30:

1. Approves the Third Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2020–21 [laid](#) in the Table Office on Tuesday, 2 March 2021.

2. Notes that the category of accruing resources for the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales under Part 2 of Schedule 4 of the Supplementary Budget Motion on page 22 is revised to include ‘repayment of pension surplus’ as reflected in the Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Public Services Ombudsman Wales to the Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on 15 January 2021.

3. Further notes the corresponding adjustments to Schedule 6 on pages 27 and 28 to correctly reconcile the resources requested by decreasing the Public Services Ombudsman Wales' Resource DEL by £974,000, increasing Resource AME by £974,000 and increasing the Resource DEL Unallocated Reserve by £974,000.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20, the Supplementary Budget comprises the following information:

- (i) the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act;
- (ii) the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;
- (iii) a reconciliation between the resources allocated to the Welsh block budget by the Treasury and the resources to be authorised for use in the motion;
- (iv) a reconciliation between the estimated amounts to be paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund by the Secretary of State and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Fund in the motion;
- (v) a reconciliation between the resources to be authorised under section 125(1)(a) and (b) of the Act and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund under section 125(1)(c); and
- (vi) details of any revisions to the information provided in accordance with Standing Orders 20.7 – 20.7B for the draft budget, as specified in the protocol agreed under the Standing Order 20.1A

The following additional information has been made available to Members:

- a note explaining the main changes from previous plans.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	11	12	51

**The motion was agreed.**

## 12 Debate: Welsh Rates of Income Tax 2021–22

The item started at 16.19

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM7611 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd in accordance with section 116D of the Government of Wales Act 2006, agrees the Welsh rate resolution for the 2021–22 Welsh rates of income tax as follows:

- a) the proposed Welsh rate for the basic rate of income tax is 10p;
- b) the proposed Welsh rate for the higher rate of income tax is 10p;
- c) the proposed Welsh rate for the additional rate of income tax is 10p.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	2	1	51

The motion was agreed.

## 13 Debate: Final Budget 2021–22

The item started at 16.28

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM7613 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.25, approves the Annual Budget for the financial year 2021–22 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 2 March 2021.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	2	21	51

The motion was agreed.

## 14 Debate: Local Government Settlement 2021–22

The item started at 17.29

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM7617 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2021–22 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 2 March 2021.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	4	19	51

The motion was agreed.

## 15 Debate: The Police Settlement 2021–22

The item started at 18.00

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM7612 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, under Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 2) 2021–22 (Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners), which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 February 2021.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	4	10	51

The motion was agreed.

## 16 Debate: Stage 4 of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill

The item started at 18.23

In accordance with Standing Order 26.50C, voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM7627 [Kirsty Williams \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill.

[Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Bill, as amended at Stage 3](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	1	18	51

The motion was agreed.

## 17 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 18.48 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before voting time.

The item started at 18.51.

## Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.57

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 10 March 2021