

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 6 November 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
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National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(92)

1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 6 and 8 – 15 were asked. Question 7 was not asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

Urgent Question

The item started at 14:18

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on the request from the Children's Commissioner for Wales to launch a new inquiry into abuse at care homes in North Wales.

2. Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14:28

3. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Higher Education Reconfiguration

The item started at 14:41

4. Statement by the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science: Response to the Report of the Powys Local Growth Zones Task and Finish Group

The item started at 15:06

5. Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Together for Health – Six Monthly Update – postponed until 13 November

6. Statement by the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science: Update on the Science Strategy – postponed

7. Legislative Consent Motion on the Disabled Persons' Parking Badges Bill

The item started at 15:40

NDM5039 Carl Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that the provisions of the Disabled Persons' Parking Badges Bill, in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8. Legislative Consent Motion on the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill relating to the Green Investment Bank

The item started at 15:47

NDM5040 Edwina Hart (Gower)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill relating to the Green Investment Bank (the "GIB"), in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9. Debate on Consultation on Future Regeneration Policy

The item started at 15:53

NDM5080 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the consultation on future regeneration policy contained in 'Vibrant and Viable Places – A New Regeneration Framework'.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the future regeneration policy does not make any meaningful reference to West Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	4	22	43

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the on-going investigation of the Wales Audit Office into the governance of Regeneration Investment Fund Wales and effectiveness of the Welsh Government oversight arrangements.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	0	43

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that Regeneration Investment Fund Wales has not made any investment into the private sector in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	28	43

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the consultation on the new regeneration framework proposes no measurable targets.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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15	0	28	43
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Amendment 4 was not agreed.

Amendment 5 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the future regeneration policy addresses the lack of a link between the Welsh Government’s enterprise zones and transport infrastructure.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	27	42

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide more information on specific proposals for high street regeneration, including further detail on the possible role of ‘town teams’.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	0	43

Amendment 6 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5080 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the consultation on future regeneration policy contained in 'Vibrant and Viable Places – A New Regeneration Framework’.

Notes the on-going investigation of the Wales Audit Office into the governance of Regeneration Investment Fund Wales and effectiveness of the Welsh Government oversight arrangements.

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide more information on specific proposals for high street regeneration, including further detail on the possible role of ‘town teams’.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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The motion as amended was agreed.

10. Debate on The Equality and Human Rights Commission Annual Report

The item started at 16:30

NDM5081 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the annual report of the Equality & Human Rights Commission for Wales 'Securing a strong equality and human rights agenda – Wales review 11–12'.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to build on the success of the Paralympics to promote a positive view of disability and to tackle discrimination and disability hate crime.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that one in eight 16–18 year olds in Wales are not in education, training or employment and calls on the Welsh Government to introduce measures to tackle this problem.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that life expectancy in Wales is lower on average than in England and calls on the Welsh Government to introduce measures to tackle health inequalities both within Wales and between Wales and the rest of the UK.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5081 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the annual report of the Equality & Human Rights Commission for Wales 'Securing a strong equality and human rights agenda – Wales review 11–12'.

Calls on the Welsh Government to build on the success of the Paralympics to promote a positive view of disability and to tackle discrimination and disability hate crime.

Notes that one in eight 16–18 year olds in Wales are not in education, training or employment and calls on the Welsh Government to introduce measures to tackle this problem.

Notes that life expectancy in Wales is lower on average than in England and calls on the Welsh Government to introduce measures to tackle health inequalities both within Wales and between Wales and the rest of the UK.

The motion, as amended, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Voting Time

The item started at 17:02

The meeting concluded at 17:05

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 7 November 2012