

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 9 June 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Minister for Economy

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 1 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 14.19 the meeting was suspended by the Presiding Officer.

2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 14.28

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 1 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Services. Questions 4 and 5 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.21

To the Deputy Minister for Social Services:



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Laura Anne Jones (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement on allegations by whistleblowers that children with autism have been subject to abuse at the Ty Coryton home in Cardiff?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.29

Vikki Howells made a statement on the last “pacer” train journey.

Rhianon Passmore made a statement on the release of the film Dream Horse.

5 Welsh Conservatives debate – Motion under Standing Order 17.2 to give instructions to a relevant committee in relation to the all-Wales NVZ

The item started at 15.33

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7703 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the adverse impact of the all-Wales nitrate vulnerable zone (NVZ) on Welsh agriculture.
2. In accordance with Standing Order 17.2, calls on the relevant Senedd committee to urgently review The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 and present its recommendations to the Senedd.

[The Water Resources \(Control of Agricultural Pollution\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021](#)

Co-submitters

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

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	29	58

As there was an equality of votes, the Deputy Presiding Officer used his casting vote to vote against the motion, in accordance with Standing Order 6.20(ii).

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Notes the critical importance of reducing agricultural emissions in order to:

- a) strengthen the reputation of Welsh farming;
- b) protect people and nature in Wales from air pollution;
- c) safeguard Wales' rivers and seas for future generations;
- d) deliver Wales' net zero ambition.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	29	0	58

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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Co-submitters

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

For	Abstain	Against	Total
58	0	0	58

The motion as amended was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 16.28 the meeting was suspended by the Deputy Presiding Officer.

6 Plaid Cymru debate – The Senedd's powers

The item started at 16.41

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7701 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Agrees that this Sixth Senedd has a mandate for the devolution of significant further powers from Westminster to Wales.
2. Believes that the Senedd must have the levers to improve the lives of our citizens and to rebuild as a greener, fairer and more prosperous Wales after the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Recognises the threat posed to the Senedd's powers by the UK Government's attitude to devolution, especially since Brexit.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to initiate the process outlined in the Government of Wales Act 2006 to seek powers to the Senedd over matters currently reserved to Westminster, including policing and justice, rail, welfare, broadcasting, energy projects, the Crown Estate, the Gender Recognition Act 2004 and the power for the Senedd to call a binding referendum on Wales's constitutional future.

[Government of Wales Act 2006](#)

[Gender Recognition Act 2004](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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12	0	46	58
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The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that the outcome of the recent Senedd election demonstrates that there is no mandate for significant constitutional change or a further referendum on devolved powers.
2. Notes the cooperation between Her Majesty's Government and Welsh Government on common frameworks following the UK's departure from the European Union.
3. Welcomes the collaboration between Her Majesty's Government and the Welsh Government during the coronavirus pandemic including on:
 - a) the provision of funding to protect businesses, incomes, jobs, public services, the third sector, the arts and more;
 - b) deployment of the military;
 - c) vaccine procurement and delivery.
4. Believes that the future of Wales is best served as part of a strong United Kingdom.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	42	58

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports the Welsh Government in its continuing work to secure the devolution of policing and justice as recommended by the Commission on Justice in Wales.

2. Welcomes the Welsh Government commitment to establish a commission and a conversation with the people of Wales to consider our constitutional future.
3. Notes the Welsh Government's plans to publish a refreshed version of 'Reforming our Union', which was first published in 2019.

[Reforming our Union: Shared Governance in the UK](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	28	58

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7701 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Supports the Welsh Government in its continuing work to secure the devolution of policing and justice as recommended by the Commission on Justice in Wales.
2. Welcomes the Welsh Government commitment to establish a commission and a conversation with the people of Wales to consider our constitutional future.
3. Notes the Welsh Government's plans to publish a refreshed version of 'Reforming our Union', which was first published in 2019.

[Reforming our Union: Shared Governance in the UK](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	28	58

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.45 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before voting time.

The item started at 17.53

8 Short debate

The item started at 18.02

NDM7700 [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

The impact of climate change on mental health.

The meeting concluded at 18.29

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 15 June 2021