

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 February 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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

The Llywydd has determined that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.14A–D, Members will be able to vote from any location by electronic means.

1 Questions to the Minister for Economy

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

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2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To be answered by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change:

Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister make a statement on the decision to scrap the A55 roundabouts removal project?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Local Government elections

(60 mins)

NDM7881 [Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

a) the Local Government and Elections Wales Act 2021 extends the voting franchise to 16 and 17 year olds and foreign citizens legally resident in Wales, ensures a duty to encourage local people to participate in local government, and enables councils to scrap the first-past-the-post system to elect councillors;

b) a more proportional system is used in local elections in Scotland, reducing the number of uncontested seats, and ensuring that all votes count.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work closely with new councils elected in May 2022 to ensure that a more representative method and a uniform national system is used to elect councillors across Wales by 2027.

Co-submitters

[Llyr Gruffydd](#)

[Jane Dodds](#)

Supporters

[Cefin Campbell](#)

[Heledd Fychan](#)

[Luke Fletcher](#)

[Mabon ap Gwynfor](#)

[Peredur Owen Griffiths](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth](#)

[Siân Gwenllian](#)

[Sioned Williams](#)

6 Debate on petition P-05-949 Save Cowbridge Intermediate School for Girls from demolition

(30 mins)

NDM7924 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition, 'P-05-949 Save Cowbridge Old Girls' School from Demolition', which received 5,522 signatures.

[P-05-949 Save Cowbridge Old Girls' School from Demolition](#)

7 Welsh Conservatives debate – Local Government funding

(60 mins)

NDM7923 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Thanks councillors, local authorities and their staff across Wales for their role during the coronavirus pandemic.
2. Believes that Welsh local authorities must be adequately funded to enable them to deliver the high quality public services to which they aspire.
3. Regrets that the current local government funding formula is not fit for purpose.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to commission an external independent review of the funding of local government in Wales to ensure it delivers fair funding for all parts of the country.

The following amendment has been tabled:

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

Delete points 3 and 4 and replace with:

Notes the proposed local government settlement increase for 2022-23 of 9.4 per cent announced on 16 December 2021, which will continue to support authorities to deliver high quality services.

Recognises that local government and the Welsh Government continue to jointly review and develop the funding formula so that it continues to be fair, fit for purpose and offers authorities both stability and responsiveness.

8 Voting Time

9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7914 [Laura Anne Jones \(South Wales East\)](#)

Regenerating town and city centres in Wales: more of the same will simply not work

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 1 March 2022