

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 9 March 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Local Government

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales

The item started at 14.24

Questions 1–8 and 11 were asked. Questions 1 and 3 were grouped together for answer. Question 10 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.08

[Answered by the Minister for Health and Social Services]

Rhun ap Iorwerth: Will the Minister make a statement on Healthcare Inspectorate Wales's decision to designate Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's vascular services as a service requiring significant improvement?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.16



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Elin Jones made a statement on – paying tribute to Dai Jones, Llanilar

Paul Davies made a statement on – National Careers Week – promoting the importance of good careers education in schools and colleges.

Luke Fletcher made a statement on – Highlighting the importance of Basking Sharks and the challenges they face. (As the species champion)

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – The Devolution of Policing

The item started at 15.21

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

NDM7925 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Supports the devolution of policing.

Co-submitters

[Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#)

[Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

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

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

Supporters

[Sarah Murphy \(Bridgend\)](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	14	54

The motion was agreed.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Ukraine

The item started at 16.09

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7945 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Deplores the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.
2. Expresses solidarity with the people of Ukraine.
3. Recognises the suffering of the Ukrainian people through loss of life and injury, paying the price for this horrific war.
4. Acknowledges the rights of NATO to defend its members and supports the Ukrainian Government in the defence of their country.
5. Welcomes the action by the Welsh Government to provide humanitarian aid to those in need and safe refuge for those fleeing the conflict.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	40	54

The motion without amendment not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the UK Government to urgently:

- a) introduce an expedited visa process to ensure simple, fast, safe and legal routes to sanctuary in the UK;

b) remove the requirement for Ukrainians to provide biometric evidence prior to leaving Ukraine;

c) provide further detail about the resettlement schemes and consequent funding that will be needed to support resettlement efforts.

Co-submitters:

[Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges that this conflict increases the risk of a nuclear war and the fear of nuclear war amongst people in Wales and beyond, and therefore calls on all states, including the nuclear states to sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which came into force in January 2021, and which would prevent such a threat in future.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	17	17	54

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7945 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Deplores the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.
2. Expresses solidarity with the people of Ukraine.
3. Recognises the suffering of the Ukrainian people through loss of life and injury, paying the price for this horrific war.
4. Acknowledges the rights of NATO to defend its members and supports the Ukrainian Government in the defence of their country.
5. Welcomes the action by the Welsh Government to provide humanitarian aid to those in need and safe refuge for those fleeing the conflict.
6. Calls on the UK Government to urgently:
 - a) introduce an expedited visa process to ensure simple, fast, safe and legal routes to sanctuary in the UK;
 - b) remove the requirement for Ukrainians to provide biometric evidence prior to leaving Ukraine;
 - c) provide further detail about the resettlement schemes and consequent funding that will be needed to support resettlement efforts.
7. Acknowledges that this conflict increases the risk of a nuclear war and the fear of nuclear war amongst people in Wales and beyond, and therefore calls on all states, including the nuclear states to sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which came into force in January 2021, and which would prevent such a threat in future.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	15	13	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Welsh Conservatives debate – Housing

The item started at 17.16

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7946 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Acknowledges that Wales requires up to 12,000 new dwellings per year.
2. Expresses serious concern that during the last year the number of new dwellings commenced fell by 30 per cent to 4,314 and the number of homes completed fell by 23 per cent to 4,616.
3. Believes that the failure to build more homes in Wales is having a detrimental impact on property availability.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) facilitate the building of 12,000 homes per year;
 - b) restore the right-to-buy in Wales, reinvesting sale proceeds into more social housing and protecting homes from sale for 10 years;
 - c) work with planning authorities to see more land allocated in communities facing local affordability difficulties, including making more land available for self-build projects;
 - d) scrap plans for a national construction company and support the growth of the private home-building sector.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	40	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Acknowledges the challenges being faced by the housing sector which are having a detrimental impact on housing supply across Wales.
2. Welcomes the investment being made in housing by Welsh Government.
3. Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to deliver 20,000 low carbon, social homes during this term of Government.
4. Notes the commitment to establish a National Construction Company, Unnos, to support our councils and social landlords to improve the supply of social and affordable housing.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	14	54

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7946 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

1. Acknowledges the challenges being faced by the housing sector which are having a detrimental impact on housing supply across Wales.
2. Welcomes the investment being made in housing by Welsh Government.
3. Notes the Welsh Government's commitment to deliver 20,000 low carbon, social homes during this term of Government.
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For	Abstain	Against	Total
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The motion as amended was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 18.16 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.21

9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.27

NDM7944 [Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Protecting community spaces: taking back control

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 18.48

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 15 March 2022