

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 25 May 2022

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 Finance and Local Government

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–6 and 8–10 were asked. Question 7 was withdrawn. 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 14.16

The first 10 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.02

Answered by the Minister for Finance and Local Government

Tom Giffard (South Wales West): Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's plans to increase the classification of self-catering accommodation for local tax purposes?



4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.14

Jayne Bryant made a statement on – War Graves Week.

Mike Hedges made a statement on – Brittle Bones Month.

Motion to elect a Member to a committee

The item started at 15.18

NNDM8010 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Jayne Bryant (Welsh Labour) as a member of the Local Government and Housing Committee in place of Alun Davies (Welsh Labour).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Decarbonising public sector pensions

The item started at 15.18

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

NDM7964 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

- a) that the Welsh Government was the first in the world to declare a climate emergency, recognising the serious threat climate change poses;
- b) that public sector pension schemes continue to invest in fossil fuels and, for many years, campaigners have urged schemes to disinvest;

- c) that the Welsh pension partnership moved quickly to withdraw investment from Russian holdings and has previously divested from coal, thus demonstrating that it is possible for pension funds to make these decisions;
- d) that Members of the Senedd took the initiative to divest their own pension funds from fossil fuels;
- e) that if public sector pension schemes in Wales disinvest, Wales would be the first nation in the world to achieve this, demonstrating to fund providers the need to create fossil fuel free investment products.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the public sector to agree a strategy to decarbonise pensions by 2030, thus bringing them into line with current public sector net-zero targets.

Supporters

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

[Buffy Williams \(Rhondda\)](#)

[Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

[Cefin Campbell \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

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

[Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

[Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

[Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

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

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

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

The result was as follows:

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 35 | 12 | 1 | 48 |

The motion was agreed.

6 Debate on petition P-06-1249 – Provide a clinical pathway, medical care, and specialists for people with Tourette’s syndrome in Wales

The item started at 16.01

NDM8008 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition [‘P-06-1249 Provide a clinical pathway, medical care, and specialists for people with Tourette’s syndrome in Wales’](#) which received 10,393 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Post-Brexit funding

The item started at 16.34

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8009 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that post-Brexit funding streams are not working for Wales.
2. Regrets that Wales will be £1 billion worse off in un-replaced funding over the next three years.

3. Believes that new arrangements run directly by the UK Government have undermined the Welsh Government's ability to strategically plan spending for the benefit of Wales and its communities.

4. Calls on the UK Government to restore Welsh democratic oversight over the post-Brexit funding streams by devolving them to the Senedd.

| For | Abstain | Against | Total |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| 35 | 0 | 13 | 48 |

The motion without amendment was agreed.

8 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.28 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

The item started at 17.31

9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.33

NDM8007 [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

Biodiversity: the big picture. Seeding the future – the importance of managing grass verges and grasslands

The meeting concluded at 17.47

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 7 June 2022