

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 June 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

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, and Trefnydd

The item started at 14.21

The first 8 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 Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

Rhys ab Owen (South Wales Central): What steps is the Welsh Government taking to protect the Welsh devolution settlement following the announcement by the UK Government to remove the Trade Union (Wales) Act 2017?



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Answered by the Minister for Health and Social Services

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the warning by Dr Gwyn Williams, of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, that a tide of avoidable blindness could sweep Wales if eye care services are not reformed?

4 90 Second Statements

No 90 Second Statements were made.

5 Statement by the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee – Welsh Government Consolidated Accounts 2020–21

The item started at 15.18

6 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee report – Waiting well? The impact of the waiting times backlog on people in Wales

The item started at 15.33

NDM8039 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Health and Social Care Committee report: 'Waiting well? The impact of the waiting times backlog on people in Wales', [laid](#) in the Table Office on 7 April 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 22 June 2022.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on petition P-06-1277 – Save A&E. Withybush General Hospital must retain 24 hour, 7 days a week, Consultant Led urgent care

The item started at 16.22

NDM8040 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition, [P-06-1277 Save A&E. Withybush General Hospital must retain 24 hour, 7 days a week, Consultant Led urgent care](#), which received 11,168 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Diabetes

The item started at 16.56

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8041 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that over 209,015 people in Wales live with diabetes and that Wales has the highest prevalence of diabetes of the UK nations.
2. Expresses concern about the rapid increase in the diagnosis of diabetes over the last 20 years.
3. Recognises the continued adverse impact of the coronavirus pandemic on waiting times, access to services, diagnostic tests, prevention and care for people with diabetes in Wales.
4. Acknowledges the need for a renewed commitment to improving outcomes for people with and at risk of diabetes to uphold the National Service Framework for Diabetes.
5. Calls upon the Welsh Government to publish the quality statement for diabetes before the end of July and commit to developing a new action plan for diabetes within 12 months.

[National Service Framework for Diabetes in Wales](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	10	26	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Recognises that work is underway to recover routine services for people with diabetes following the impact of the pandemic.

Recognises the commitment that exists within the NHS in Wales to:

- a) ensure that people are supported to make healthy choices which reduce their likelihood of developing type-2 diabetes;
- b) make progress towards offering those diagnosed with type-2 diabetes in the last six years the opportunity to access a remission service;
- c) ensure accessible and patient-centred care for people with diabetes, as well as the use of technology and education to help them better manage their condition.

Notes that work is underway with stakeholders to develop a diabetes quality statement for publication in the autumn.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	14	10	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was de-selected

Amendment 3 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to publish a diabetes prevention plan focused on diet and physical activity, with appropriate funding.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Further calls upon the Welsh Government to increase availability of specialist and embedded psychological support for those living with diabetes.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	26	51

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, amendment 4 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM8041 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that over 209,015 people in Wales live with diabetes and that Wales has the highest prevalence of diabetes of the UK nations.
2. Expresses concern about the rapid increase in the diagnosis of diabetes over the last 20 years.

Recognises that work is underway to recover routine services for people with diabetes following the impact of the pandemic.

Recognises the commitment that exists within the NHS in Wales to:

- a) ensure that people are supported to make healthy choices which reduce their likelihood of developing type-2 diabetes;
- b) make progress towards offering those diagnosed with type-2 diabetes in the last six years the opportunity to access a remission service;
- c) ensure accessible and patient-centred care for people with diabetes, as well as the use of technology and education to help them better manage their condition.

Notes that work is underway with stakeholders to develop a diabetes quality statement for publication in the autumn.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	14	10	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – 2023 Eurovision Song Contest

The item started at 17.23

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8042 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the European Broadcasting Union’s statement on the 17 June 2022.
2. Regrets the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest cannot be held in Ukraine due to Russia’s ongoing invasion.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to engage with the BBC and the European Broadcasting Union regarding hosting the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest in Wales.

[European Broadcasting Union: statement on hosting of 2023 Eurovision Song Contest](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	10	0	50

The motion without amendment was agreed.

10 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.48 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

The item started at 17.53

11 Short Debate

The item started at 17.57

NDM7979 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

Our Cymru: creating a leading football nation

The meeting concluded at 18.16

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 July 2022