

# Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 7 December 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.

### 1 Questions to the Minister for Social Justice

(45 mins)

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

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### 2 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

(45 mins)

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### 3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(15 mins)

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### 4 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Education and Welsh Language



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[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the 2021 census data about Welsh language skills which shows that the number of Welsh speakers in Wales has decreased for the second decade in a row?

**To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services**

[Laura Anne Jones \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the increase of cases of group A streptococcus in schools?

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Mon\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the Government's response to threats of industrial action across the Welsh NHS, and on its plans to try to avert such actions through negotiation?

**5 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

**6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A British Sign Language (BSL) Bill**

(30 mins)

**NDM8093 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill that would make provision to encourage the use of British Sign Language (BSL) in Wales, and improve access to education and services in BSL.

2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to:

a) remove the barriers that exist for deaf people and their families in education, health, public services, support services and in the workplace;

b) strengthen the seven well-being goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 as they relate to BSL;

c) work towards ensuring that deaf people who use BSL are not treated less favourably than those who speak Welsh or English;

d) ensure that deaf communities have a voice in the design and delivery of services to ensure they meet their needs;

e) establish a BSL Commissioner who will:

- (i) formulate BSL standards;
- (ii) establish a BSL advisory panel;
- (iii) produce reports every five years in BSL, Welsh and English on the position of BSL in that period;
- (iv) provide guidance and a process for public bodies to promote and facilitate BSL in their respective domains;
- f) establish a procedure for the investigation of complaints;
- g) require public bodies to report on their progress in promoting and facilitating BSL through their Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 reporting cycle;
- h) place a duty on the Welsh Government to prepare and publish an annual BSL report describing what Welsh Government departments have done to promote the use of BSL.

## **7 Debate on the Petitions Committee report – Mark Allen’s Law: Water safety and drowning prevention**

(30 mins)

**NDM8157** [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee, ‘Mark Allen’s Law Water safety and drowning prevention’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 2 August 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 30 November 2022.

## **8 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee report – Report on operation of the interim environmental protection measures**

(30 mins)

**NDM8158** [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: 'Report on operation of the interim environmental protection measures', [laid](#) on 28 September 2022.

The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 30 November 2022.

## **9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Independent review of children’s social care**

(30 mins)

**NDM8160** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish an independent review of children’s social care in Wales.

**The following amendment was tabled:**

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

Supports the Welsh Government’s plans for the reform of children’s social care without the need for an independent review that would draw in valuable resources and be a distraction to the excellent work carried out by those providing services to vulnerable children, their parents and carers.

## **10 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Business rates for self-catering accommodation**

(30 mins)

**NDM8161** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to reflect on the serious concerns expressed by self-catering accommodation providers across Wales regarding the assessment period for determining eligibility for qualifying for business rates in 2022–2023, and amend the regulations accordingly.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises that:

a) the Welsh Government has consulted widely on changes to the criteria used to classify self-catering accommodation as non-domestic for local tax purposes, which will take effect from April 2023.

b) compliance with the new criteria will not be assessed until after 1 April 2023.

c) these changes are part of a wider package measures to designed to support vibrant local communities, in which people can afford to live and work all year round

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]*

**Amendment 2 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the concerns expressed by self-catering accommodation providers, which are under pressure from platforms such as AirBnB.

2. Believes the Welsh Government should continue to undertake the recommendations of the recent consultation to ensure genuine self-catered accommodation is distinguished from domestic properties in relation to local taxes.

## 11 Voting Time

## 12 Short Debate

(30 mins)

**NDM8159 [Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)**

Atomic dreams: nuclear power and blind faith in an ageing technology

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 13 December 2022