

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 27 September 2023

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 Climate Change

(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 Minister for Education and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Deputy Minister for Climate Change

[Cefin Campbell \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the announcement that the Fflecsi Bwcabus service will be coming to an end, and the impact of this on the communities of Mid and West Wales?

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services



[Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on reports that Withybush hospital will be partially closed for most of 2024?

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Motion to amend Standing Orders – The making of statutory instruments following EU withdrawal

(5 mins)

NDM8363 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the report of the Business Committee, Amending Standing Orders: The making of statutory instruments following EU withdrawal, [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 September 2023.

2. Approves the proposals to amend Standing Orders 21, 27, 30B and 30C, as set out in Annex A of the Business Committee's report.

6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Full devolution of water

(60 mins)

NDM8274 [Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Calls on the Welsh Government to formally request the UK Government to commence section 48(1) of the Wales Act 2017, which would align the boundary for legislative competence for water with the national border.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to formally request the powers for the licensing of a water supply or sewerage licensee thereby fully devolving water to Wales.

Co-submitters

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

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

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Delete all and replace with

1. Notes that the Welsh Government requested to postpone the enactment of section 48(1) of the Wales Act 2017.
2. Acknowledges that in a letter addressed to the UK Government in 2018, the Welsh Government said the process of aligning the Senedd's legislative competence to geographical boundaries was complex.
3. Welcomes the willingness of the Secretary of State for Wales and the UK Government to work with their Welsh counterparts to agree a timetable that works best for both governments and the water industry.

7 Debate on petition P-06-1332 – Fund vaccine research to protect red squirrels from deadly Squirrelpox virus

(30 mins)

NDM8359 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1332 Fund vaccine research to protect red squirrels from deadly Squirrelpox virus](#)' which received 11,306 signatures.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Community assets

(30 mins)

NDM8361 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises that community assets act as local hubs and provide important access to information, services, skills and social experiences.
2. Further recognises community assets improve community cohesion and allow local communities to take control of shaping the area they live in.
3. Notes Audit Wales's community resilience and self-reliance report which outlines that local authorities find it difficult to empower people and communities to be more self-reliant and less dependent on services.

4. Regrets that there is no statutory right for communities in Wales to buy land or assets as in Scotland, and no right to bid, challenge, or build as in England.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) protect community assets by enabling local people to run and expand facilities that benefit the local community; and

b) introduce a Community Ownership Fund and Right to Bid to support the takeover of assets such as libraries, pubs, leisure centres and green spaces.

[Audit Wales: 'Together we can' – Community resilience and self-reliance](#)

Supporters

[Natasha Asghar \(South Wales East\)](#)

The following amendment was tabled:

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

Delete points 4 and 5 and replace with:

Welcomes the Welsh Government's long-standing commitment to:

a) protect community assets by enabling local people to run and expand facilities that benefit the local community;

b) recognise, promote and share best practice across the public sector through Ystadau Cymru; and

c) establishing a Community Assets Commission with a remit to further stimulate innovative thinking on community ownership of land and assets in Wales.

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Deputy Minister for Climate Change

(30 mins)

NDM8362 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Has no confidence in the Deputy Minister for Climate Change given the record-breaking number of signatories to the petition: 'We want the Welsh Government to rescind and remove the disastrous 20mph law'.

[Petition: We want the Welsh Government to rescind and remove the disastrous 20mph law](#)

10 Voting Time

11 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8360 [Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)

Navigating Wales's Brain Drain: Challenges and Solutions

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 October 2023

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 20/09/2023 for answer on 27/09/2023

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

1 OQ59961 (e)

What policy analysis did the Welsh Government undertake before implementing the 20mph speed limits?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

2 OQ59972 (e)

What work is the Welsh Government doing to promote urban tree planting?

Ken Skates *Clwyd South*

3 OQ59956 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to increase tree cover across Wales?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

4 OQ59965 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on road safety on the A494 trunk road in Pwllglas?

Jayne Bryant *Newport West*

5 OQ59985 (e)

What measures is the Welsh Government taking to protect and enhance Wales's canal network?

Altaf Hussain *South Wales West*

6 OQ59977 (e)

How does the Welsh Government balance the need for development against its commitment to protect and enhance biodiversity?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

7 OQ59966 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the latest steps the Welsh Government is taking to improve the resilience of the Menai crossings?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

8 OQ59980 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with local government colleagues to ensure that people in temporary accommodation have suitable living conditions?

Delyth Jewell *South Wales East*

9 OQ59952 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the environmental impact of major housing developments in Caerphilly County Borough?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

10 OQ59947 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the number of social houses in Wales built using non-traditional methods?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

11 OQ59963 (e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to reform the developments of national significance process as set out in the Planning (Wales) Act 2015?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

12 OQ59989 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update regarding the support available to local authorities for flood alleviation?

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

1 OQ59959 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of vocational courses?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

2 OQ59982 (w)

Will the Minister provide an update on improving school transport for students?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

3 OQ59984 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy on the use of mobile phones in schools?

Jane Dodds *Mid and West Wales*

4 OQ59960 (e)

What impact has the pupil development grant had on pupil attainment since its introduction in 2012?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

5 OQ59955 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to prevent discrimination against autistic pupils in education settings?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

6 OQ59964 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support adult community learning in Islwyn?

Joel James *South Wales Central*

7 OQ59976 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on findings from the longer school day trial?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

8 OQ59954 (e)

What finance is the Minister providing to schools to support students with additional learning needs?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

9 OQ59958 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with manufacturers and retailers about reducing the cost of school uniforms?

Samuel Kurtz *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

10 OQ59978 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support pupils with hearing impairment in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

Peter Fox *Monmouth*

11 OQ59971 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the new additional learning needs system?

Luke Fletcher *South Wales West*

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OQ59981 (e)

Has the Welsh Government made any assessment of the impact that the delay in rejoining Horizon Europe has had on the Welsh higher education sector?