

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 18 October 2023

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.

Presiding Officer statement

At 13.30, the Presiding Officer announced that James Evans had been successful in the Member Bill Ballot to seek the Senedd's agreement on his proposal for a Mental Health (Wales) Bill.

1 Questions to the Minister for Economy

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 1 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 14.17

The first 10 questions were asked. Question 9 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Services. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.



3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.06

Answered by the Minister for Finance and Local Government

[Sam Rowlands \(North Wales\)](#): What discussions is the Minister having with the leader of Denbighshire County Council following his warning that the council is facing bankruptcy unless services and jobs are cut?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.20

Natasha Asghar made a statement on – Irlen Syndrome Awareness Week (October 16–20)

Mark Isherwood made a statement on – World Menopause Day (18 October)

Samuel Kurtz made a statement on – 30 years of the Pembrokeshire Lottery (12 October)

5 Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – Local Authority Library and Leisure Services

The item started at 15.25

NDM8379 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Local Government and Housing Committee, ‘Local Authority Leisure and Library Services’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 20 July 2023.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 13 September 2023.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on Petition P-06-1345 – Make conservation management plans compulsory for scheduled monuments at risk such as Ruperra Castle

The item started at 16.21

NDM8380 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition '[P-06-1345 Make conservation management plans compulsory for scheduled monuments at risk such as Ruperra Castle](#)' which received 10,580 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Homelessness

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:

NDM8384 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government to get to grips with homelessness in Wales.
2. Believes that the Welsh Government's White Paper on ending homelessness in Wales will not deliver the desired outcomes.
3. Notes with concern that the number of individuals rough sleeping has hit its highest level since 2020.
4. Recognises that seven local authorities do not record information on homelessness deaths.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a Wales equivalent of the Combined Homelessness and Information Network to ensure that sufficient data is available to address homelessness in Wales and its impact.

[White Paper on ending homelessness in Wales](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	39	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the bold, ambitious and radical reform for the future set out in the White Paper on Ending Homelessness developed as part of the Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru.
2. Notes the essential contribution of those with lived experience of homelessness in the preparation of the White Paper and the view of the Chief Executive of Crisis that the ambition shown in it is world leading.
3. Encourages responses to the consultation which will help shape the future approach to homelessness in Wales.

[White Paper on ending homelessness in Wales](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

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39	0	15	54

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM8384 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

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[White Paper on ending homelessness in Wales](#)

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The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.46

9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.49

NDM8383 [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#)

Breaking the class ceiling – building an egalitarian Wales.

The meeting concluded at 18.14

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 October 2023