

# Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 November 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

(0 mins)

No topical questions were accepted.

### 4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



## **5 Statement by Sam Rowlands – Introduction of a Member Proposed Bill: Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill**

(60 mins)

### **Supporting documents**

[Residential Outdoor Education \(Wales\) Bill \(as introduced\)](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

## **6 Debate on the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee report – Wales–Ireland relations: Exploring an old relationship in a new age**

(60 mins)

**NDM8417** [Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee ‘Wales–Ireland relations: Exploring an old relationship in a new age’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 6 October 2023.

Notes: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) on 22 November 2023.

## **7 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report – Operation of interim environmental protection measures 2022–23**

(30 mins)

**NDM8418** [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 2022–23, [laid](#) on 21 September 2023.

Notes: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 22 November 2023. The Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales [responded](#) on 30 October 2023.

## 8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Small businesses

(60 mins)

**NDM8420** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that Small Business Saturday will take place on 2 December 2023.
2. Recognises the vital contribution small businesses make in creating jobs, supporting communities and developing local economies.
3. Welcomes the Chancellor of the Exchequer's cuts to national insurance contributions, which will benefit the self-employed from April 2024.
4. Encourages communities to shop locally to support small businesses to grow and thrive.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) use all available levers it has to better support small businesses in Wales; and
  - b) continue to support small businesses through changes in procurement policy across the public sector.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Regrets the economic mismanagement of successive Chancellors in recent years which has caused preventable harm to small businesses who face higher energy and mortgage costs than many comparative economies.

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

**Amendment 2** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Regrets that the proposed cut to National Insurance will do little to alleviate the impact of fiscal drag on Welsh workers in the small business sector.

Further regrets that the Office of Budget Responsibility has downgraded its growth forecasts for the next two years, which will inhibit the prosperity of our SME sector.

**Amendment 3 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)**

Delete point 5 and replace with:

Welcomes:

- a) the support provided to small businesses and entrepreneurs by the Welsh Government via services and initiatives such as Business Wales, the Development Bank of Wales and the Barriers to Start Up Grant; and
- b) the Welsh Government's approach to the everyday economy and the progress made in helping more small businesses win more contracts across Welsh public services.

## **9 Voting Time**

## **10 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM8421 [James Evans \(Brecon and Radnorshire\)](#)**

The importance of grass roots rugby in communities

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 December 2023