

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 6 December 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 Finance and Local Government

(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 Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

##### To ask the Minister for Economy

[Gareth Davies \(Vale of Clwyd\)](#): What is the Welsh Government's assessment of the impact of the closure of Pontins in Prestatyn on the local economy and tourism in Denbighshire?



#### **4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

#### **5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Pancreatic cancer**

(60 mins)

**NDM8385** [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

- a) that November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and that 16 November 2023 is World Pancreatic Cancer Day;
- b) that the survival rates in Wales and the UK still lag behind much of the rest of Europe and the world;
- c) pancreatic cancer is tough to detect and that diagnosis takes too long with slow processes and multiple tests leaving people in the dark;
- d) once spotted, people face huge obstacles getting the information and care they need to be well enough to have treatment with many people feeling written off with no support plan in place, and no help to manage symptoms; and
- e) once diagnosed, only 3 out of 10 people get any treatment, the lowest proportion of all cancer types, and that half of people die within a month of diagnosis.

2. Understands that people with pancreatic cancer urgently need a faster, fairer, funded pathway throughout their diagnosis, treatment and care.

3. Supports Pancreatic Cancer UK's efforts to ensure implementation of such a pathway.

4. Commends all of the charities and activist organisations and their dedicated supporters for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month every success in their endeavours.

**Co-submitters**

[Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

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

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

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

## **Supporters**

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

[Joel James \(South Wales Central\)](#)

## **6 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Road freight transport strategy**

(60 mins)

**NDM8437** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the role that road freight and the logistics industry plays in supporting the Welsh economy.
2. Regrets that the Welsh Government hasn't had a specific road freight transport strategy since 2008.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop and publish a specific road freight transport strategy which includes:
  - a) safe and secure wellbeing centres for lorry and coach drivers across Wales;
  - b) an extensive network of charging and refuelling points for electric or hydrogen HGVs and coaches; and
  - c) changes to the planning system in Wales to ensure that road freight infrastructure can be delivered as efficiently as possible.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new points after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the detrimental impact of Brexit on road freight and the logistics industry in Wales, with Welsh freight volumes remaining 27 per cent below 2019 levels.

Believes that rejoining the European Single Market would deliver a vital boost to freight trade in Welsh ports such as Holyhead, and the road freight and the logistics industry across Wales.

#### **Amendment 2** [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Notes that Llwybr Newydd sets out the way forward for freight and logistics and development of a freight and logistics plan.

Supports this work, that will take a multi-modal approach working with industry to progress:

- a) improvements to the provision of safe and secure welfare facilities for lorry and coach drivers across Wales;
- b) ensuring that Wales is best prepared to take advantage of new technologies relating to electric and hydrogen HGVs and coaches, reflecting industry uncertainty about these advances; and
- c) adopting a strategic nationwide approach to improving road freight infrastructure across Wales.

[Llwybr Newydd: the Wales transport strategy 2021 | GOV.WALES](#)

## **7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Fuel poverty**

(60 mins)

### **NDM8435** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that the current cost-of-living crisis shows how vulnerable communities in Wales are to the cost of energy.
2. Regrets that up to 98 per cent of households on lower incomes in Wales are estimated to be in fuel poverty following the price cap increase of April 2022.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) implement the new Warm Homes Programme with urgency to support low-income households in making their homes more energy efficient this winter; and

b) set interim targets in their Tackling Fuel Poverty 2021–2035 Plan to measure progress.

4. Calls on the UK Government to introduce a social tariff to support those in need with their energy bills this winter.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

In point 3, delete sub–point (a) and replace with:

implement the new Warm Homes Programme with urgency to support low–income households, older people and people living with a terminal illness in making their homes more energy efficient this winter.

**Amendment 2** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new sub–point at the end of point 3:

introduce interim milestones to its Tackling Fuel Poverty 2021–2035 Plan.

**Amendment 3** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government has not implemented the new Warm Homes programme prior to the winter of 2023 despite assurances that it would.

**Amendment 4** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes the ongoing work by Ofgem and the UK Government to support households facing cost–of–living challenges and to deliver consumer protection.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM8424** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Increasing the use of public transport: why young people should travel for free

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 12 December 2023

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 29/11/2023 for answer on 06/12/2023

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### MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

**1** OQ60369 (e)

What consideration did the Minister give to the need to fund leisure services when deciding on the budgets for local authorities in South Wales East ?

**Cefin Campbell** *Mid and West Wales*

**2** OQ60383 (e)

What financial support is the Welsh Government providing to local authorities to help residents in Mid and West Wales manage cost-of-living pressures?

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

**3** OQ60370 (e)

Will the Minister confirm the timetable for completing the revaluation of properties for the purpose of council tax?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

**4** OQ60355 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on use of the mutual investment model by the Welsh Government?

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

**5** OQ60358 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on progress regarding the devolution of powers in respect of a vacant land tax?

**Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*

**6** OQ60377 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Climate Change regarding funding to protect communities in Alyn and Deeside from flooding?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

**7** OQ60376 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting local government to deliver public services?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

8 OQ60353 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities in South Wales East in relation to the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

9 OQ60392 (e)

What steps will the Welsh Government take to work with local government to promote good practice across local authorities in the delivery of services?

**Sarah Murphy** *Bridgend*

10 OQ60361 (e)

What impact has the UK Government's autumn statement had on the Welsh Government's plans for funding local government?

**Carolyn Thomas** *North Wales*

11 OQ60367 (e)

What consideration has the Minister given to the impact of extreme weather events when allocating funding to local authorities?

**Rhys ab Owen** *South Wales Central*

12 OQ60381 (e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Health and Social Services about assisting NHS boards to reduce their deficits?

## MINISTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AND NORTH WALES, AND TREFNYDD

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

1 OQ60378 (e)

How will the sustainable farming scheme support habitats in Wales?

**Samuel Kurtz** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

2 OQ60366 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting farmers in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

**3** OQ60394 (e)

What consideration has the Minister given to the UK Government's recent decision to update the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?

**Peredur Owen Griffiths** *South Wales East*

**4** OQ60363 (e)

Will the Government provide an update on its efforts to promote responsible dog ownership?

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

**5** OQ60359 (w)

What consideration has the Cabinet Committee on North Wales given to improving roads in Dwyfor Meirionnydd?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

**6** OQ60385 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Gwaredu Scab project in Wales?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**7** OQ60379 (e)

What support does Welsh Government provide farmers to convert animal waste to fertiliser?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

**8** OQ60384 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the steps the Welsh Government is taking to ban greyhound racing in Wales?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

**9** OQ60368 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the delivery of the animal welfare plan for Wales?

**Rhys ab Owen** *South Wales Central*

**10** OQ60380 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the adequacy of UK Government funding for agriculture in Wales compared to previous EU funding?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

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**OQ60364 (w)**

How is the Welsh Government supporting farmers to reduce agricultural pollution in waterways?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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**OQ60360 (e)**

What is the Welsh Government doing to support the agricultural industry in Pembrokeshire over the next twelve months?