

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

2 Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 14.22

NNDM8530 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM8529 to be considered in Plenary on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.



3 Motion to approve the nomination of a Counsel General

The item started at 14.22

NNDM8529 [Vaughan Gething \(Cardiff South and Penarth\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Section 49(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 9.1, agrees to the First Minister's recommendation to His Majesty The King to appoint Mick Antoniw MS as Counsel General.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4 Nominations for committee chairs

The item started at 14.23

The Presiding Officer invited nominations for the chairs of the following committees in accordance with Standing Order 17.2F:

Children, Young People and Education Committee (Labour)

Sarah Murphy nominated Buffy Williams. Carolyn Thomas seconded the nomination.

As there was an objection to the nomination, the Presiding Officer referred the nomination to a secret ballot in accordance with Standing Order 17.2I.

Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee (Labour)

Mike Hedges nominated Alun Davies. Rhianon Passmore seconded the nomination.

Buffy Williams nominated Sarah Murphy. Hefin David seconded the nomination.

As there were two nominations, the Presiding Officer referred the nominations to a secret ballot in accordance with Standing Order 17.2I.

Results

At 17.03 the Presiding Officer announced the results of the secret ballot for the election of committee chairs:

Children, Young People and Education Committee (Labour):

Nominee	For	Abstain	Against	Total
Buffy Williams	37	7	13	57

The Presiding Officer declared Buffy Williams elected as Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee (Labour):

Alun Davies	Sarah Murphy	Abstain	Total
28	29	0	57

The Presiding Officer declared Sarah Murphy elected as Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

5 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.27

6 Statement by the First Minister: Delivering Wales' priorities

The item started at 14.54

7 Statement by the Minister for Social Care: The Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill – Postponed until 21 May

This item has been postponed until 21 May.

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes

The Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes was agreed.

8 The general principles of The Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.52

NDM8533 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru, in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill.

The [Local Government Finance \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 20 November 2023.

The report of the Local Government and Housing Committee on the Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 15 March 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 The financial resolution in respect of The Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.52

NDM8532 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the [Local Government Finance \(Wales\) Bill](#), agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Motion to vary the order of consideration of Stage 3 amendments to the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill

The item started at 16.43

NDM8531 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru in accordance with Standing Order 26.36:

Agrees to dispose of sections and schedules to the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill at Stage 3 in the following order:

- a) Sections 1–12;
- b) Schedule 1;
- c) Sections 13–17;
- d) Schedule 2;
- e) Section 18;
- f) Schedule 3;
- g) Sections 19–26;
- h) Long title.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

11 The Infrastructure (Wales) Bill: Signification of His Majesty's consent

The item started at 16.43

12 Debate: Stage 4 of the Infrastructure (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.47

NDM8539 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Infrastructure (Wales) Bill.

[The Infrastructure \(Wales\) Bill, as amended at Stage 3](#)

Supporting Documents

[Presiding Officer's statement in accordance with Section 111A\(3\) of the Government of Wales Act 2006](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	0	15	51

The motion was agreed.

13 Voting Time

The item started at 17.03

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 17.04

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 17 April 2024