

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Siambr Hywel – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 15 October 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in Siambr Hywel, Tŷ Hywel and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

2 Questions to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

The item started at 14.23

Questions 1 to 7 and 9 were asked. Question 8 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.16

Answered by the Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership

[David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): What discussions is the Welsh Government having with Tata regarding the future of their plants across Wales and the impact of any temporary shutdowns upon steelworkers?



Answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the further defects found on the Menai Bridge

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.54

Sam Rowlands made a statement on Baby Loss Awareness Week (9 to 15 October).

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 15.56

NNDM9019 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

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

Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i) and 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 NNDM9018 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 15 October 2025.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Motion to establish a committee

The item started at 15.56

NNDM9018 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3:

1. Establishes a Member Accountability Bill Committee to scrutinise the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill.
2. In accordance with Standing Order 17.2T, resolves that Standing Orders 17.2A to 17.2S (election of committee chairs) shall not apply in relation to the Member Accountability Bill Committee.

3. In accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Lesley Griffiths MS (Welsh Labour), Buffy Williams MS (Welsh Labour), Paul Davies MS (Welsh Conservatives) and Sioned Williams MS (Plaid Cymru) as members of the Member Accountability Bill Committee, and David Rees MS (Deputy Presiding Officer) as Chair of the Member Accountability Bill Committee.

4. In accordance with Standing Order 33.6, suspends the first part of Standing Order 17.37 in relation to the Member Accountability Bill Committee, and agrees that the chair of the Committee may only vote in the exercise of a casting vote.

5. Agrees that the Committee will be dissolved following agreement by the Senedd of a motion for Stage 2 proceedings on the Bill to be conducted by a Committee of the Whole Senedd, or on the completion of Stage 2 proceedings (whichever is the sooner).

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME)

This item was postponed until 26 November 2025

6 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Report on Transport for Wales' performance 2024–25

The item started at 15.57

NDM9009 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: Report on Transport for Wales' performance 2024–25, [laid](#) on 9 April 2025.

Notes: The response from Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 October 2025. The response from Transport for Wales to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 October 2025.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – town centre regeneration

The item started at 16.47

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM9010 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

a) that analysis from the Welsh Retail Consortium in 2023 showed that Wales has the second highest number of vacant shops in the UK;

b) that almost 100 high street banks have closed in Wales in the last three years; and

c) that the UK Government’s ‘Pride in Place’ programme allocates £214 million of funding to Wales with the aim of strengthening place-based regeneration.

2. Regrets that the ‘Pride in Place’ programme does not provide long-term funding certainty and at the scale required for town-centre regeneration.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a comprehensive strategy for town-centre regeneration, setting out a long-term vision for town centres that includes measures to:

a) establish a preferential business rates multipliers for small and independent high street retailers, including hospitality businesses;

b) establish long-term funding certainty for town centre regeneration; and

c) bring forward legislation to strengthen community ‘Right to Buy’ powers.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	14	24	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Supports the action being taken by the Welsh Government to assist town centres, such as:

- a) the actions set out in the retail action plan;
- b) continuing funding for rates relief schemes;
- c) including town centre first principles in key planning documents;
- d) publishing the town centres position statement;
- e) establishing the community asset commission;
- f) investment through the transforming towns programme; and
- g) launching the tidy towns fund.

[Retail Action Plan](#)

[Town Centres: Position Statement](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	23	47

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was de-selected.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.55

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9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.58

NDM9008 [Altaf Hussain \(South Wales West\)](#)

Acting FAST: Raising Stroke awareness in Wales

The meeting concluded at 18.20

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 21 October 2025