

# Plenary

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Meeting date:  
**Tuesday, 14 May 2013**

Meeting time:  
**13:30**

Cynulliad  
Cenedlaethol  
Cymru

National  
Assembly for  
Wales



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## Agenda (131)v5

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### **1. Questions to the First Minister (45 mins)**

The Presiding Officer will call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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### **2. Business Statement and Announcement (30 mins)**

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### **3. Statement by the First Minister: Progress on Implementing "Energy Wales" (30 mins)**

Supporting Document

[Progress on Implementing Energy Wales](#)

### **4. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Post 16 Planning and Funding Review: Final Report (30 mins)**

Supporting Document

[Post 16 Planning and Funding Review: Final Report](#)

### **5. Statement by the Minister for Finance: The Welsh Government Response to the Guilford Report Recommendations (30 mins)**

Supporting Document

[The Guilford Report Recommendations](#)

### **6. Statement by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology: Jobs Growth Wales – one year in (30 mins)**

### **7. Debate: Strengthening Local Government Democracy (60 mins)**

**NDM5237 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)**

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

Recognises the value of promoting open, transparent and accountable local democracy and the importance of encouraging greater diversity in Local Government.

The following amendments have been tabled:

**Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Delete ‘Recognise the value of promoting’ and replace with ‘Appreciates the necessity of advocating efficient,’

**Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

After ‘diversity’ insert ‘and stakeholder engagement’

**Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the Welsh Government’s eventual commitment to facilitating live streaming during all council scrutiny and cabinet meetings.

**Amendment 4 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward a comprehensive agenda that will tackle issues around openness, transparency and accountability in local democracy and local government.

**Amendment 5 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to confirm its support for devolving responsibility for local government elections to the National Assembly.

### **Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Supports the introduction of a fair and proportional electoral system to ensure that outcomes reflect the way that people vote and are more representative of their local communities and calls on the Welsh Government to implement the recommendation of the Sunderland Commission in 2002 by promoting legislation to introduce the single transferable vote system for local councils.

### **Amendment 7 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that around 77,000 16 and 17 year olds in Wales are currently denied the vote and believes that democratic accountability would be strengthened by allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote in elections to local councils.

### **8. Motions to elect Members to committees (5 mins)** **NDM5241 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Bethan Jenkins (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Petitions Committee in place of Elin Jones (Plaid Cymru).

### **NDM5242 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.14, elects Elin Jones (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Business Committee in place of Jocelyn Davies (Plaid Cymru).

### **Voting Time**

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 15 May 2013