

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 8 October 2013

Meeting time:
13:30

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National
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Wales



Agenda

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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 Minister for Finance: Progress on the development of European Structural Fund Programmes 2014–20 (30 mins)

4 Statement by the Minister for Finance: The Draft Budget 2014–15 (30 mins)

5 Debate on Direct Payments of Housing Costs to Tenants in Wales (60 mins)

NDM5315 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the UK Government's continuing plans to introduce direct payments;
2. Calls again on the UK Government to change its policy on direct payments to

reflect the likely negative impact on many tenants, as well the risk to the financial viability of housing organisations; and

3. Commends work by housing and other organisations to help people to cope with the changes.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

In point 1, delete all after ‘plans’ and replace with:

‘to standardise direct payments introduced by the previous UK Labour Government’

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at the end of point 1:

‘which offer the potential to empower people through greater control over their finances and provide a clearer route into work and independence.’

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Welcomes the ‘Universal Credit Local Support Services Framework’, issued by the UK Government and compiled jointly with agencies including the Welsh Local Government Association, which lists the support available to claimants needing payment of housing costs directly to landlords.

The Universal Credit Local Support Services Framework can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-local-support-services-framework>

[If amendment 3 is agreed, amendment 4 will be de-selected]

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Calls on the UK Government to carefully examine the full findings of the Direct Payment Demonstration Projects which will conclude at the end of December 2013.

Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Believes that direct payments could lead to more evictions, resulting in additional costs to evict and re-house individuals, and calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities and housing associations to implement best practice on

avoiding evictions.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with local authorities, credit unions and housing associations to consider the best ways to make financial products with built-in budgeting features more widely available and to promote the use of money advice services to tenants, in order to help those affected by direct payments.

6 Debate on the General Principles of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

NDM5316 Gwenda Thomas (Neath)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 28 January 2013;

The report of Health and Social Care Committee on the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill was laid before the Assembly on 18 July 2013.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of the motion:

Notes the importance of individual advocacy in ensuring that the best interests of people reliant upon social services are met.

Supporting Documents

[The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Bill the Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[The report of Health and Social Care Committee on the Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee report](#)

7 Motion to approve the Financial Resolution in respect of the Social Services and

Well-Being (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

NDM5317 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69 arising in consequence of the Bill.

8 Debate on the General Principles of the National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill (60 mins)

NDM5318 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill.

The National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum were laid before the Assembly on 30 September 2013.

Supporting Documents

[The National Health Service Finance \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

9 Motion to approve the Financial Resolution in respect of the National Health Service Finance (Wales) Bill (5 mins)

NDM5319 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the National Health Service (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 9 October 2013