

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 18 March 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda

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1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills (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 Economy, Science and Transport (45 mins)

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3 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

NDM5712

Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that online technology together with intense advertising has fuelled

the growth of gambling in Wales and notes that:

- a) gambling is available to the entire population of Wales 24/7;
- b) gambling can become a socially damaging addiction, contributing to poverty, health and social problems;
- c) early identification and support is essential if addiction is to be avoided;
- d) the growth in online gambling and fixed-odds betting machines has turned gambling in the UK into a multi-billion pound industry; and
- e) the regulatory environment in which gambling takes place is relatively light-touch.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) develop and implement a strategy to tackle the social and health consequences of gambling;
- b) engage with the UK Government to discuss the devolution of greater powers over the licensing of gaming machines; and
- c) engage with the gambling industry and the Responsible Gambling Trust to ensure that an appropriate proportion of funding is spent in Wales to tackle issues around gambling addiction.

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5728

Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales)

Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Notes the recent decision by the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to suspend consultant-led maternity and other women's clinical services at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd; and

2. Calls upon the health board to ensure the continuity of consultant-led maternity and other women's clinical services at each of the three district general hospitals in North Wales.

The following amendment has been tabled:

Amendment 1 –Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

2. Notes that this suspension is temporary in nature and that consultant led services will be restored within 12 months;

3. Notes that the SuRNICC will be sited at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd as part of the health board's provision of clinically safe and sustainable maternity services for North Wales.

5 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)

NDM5727 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that one in three Welsh children live below the poverty line.

2. Notes that Wales has the lowest education attainment levels in the UK, which has a particularly negative impact on deprived communities.

3. Notes that childhood obesity, female youth smoking rates and youth alcohol consumption rates are worse in Wales than in England.

4. Notes that Young people aged between 11 and 16 in Wales drink more alcohol each week than in any other part of the UK.

5. Welcomes the recent budget deal between the Welsh Liberal Democrats and Welsh Government which will increase the Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) to £1,150 per pupil, extend the PDG to under 5s, and introduce a Young Travellers' Youth Concessionary Fare.

6. Believes people should be empowered to lead the life they want to lead and there is no room for complacency in the battle to ensure equality for all.

7. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) provide access to the Flying Start initiative to all children across Wales on the basis of need rather than geographical location;

b) improve the system of continuous professional development for teachers and establish a Welsh Academy of Education Leadership;

c) amend the Estyn Framework to ensure that greater focus is given to education on healthy eating and exercise in schools;

d) focus more resources on the cessation of youth smoking and tackling illegal tobacco; and

e) ensure that all apprentices receive the highest quality of training that provides them with portable qualifications.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Insert as new point 5 and renumber accordingly:

Notes the projected rise in the number of children living in poverty to 3.4 million across the UK by 2020 and further notes the impact of UK Government welfare reforms on rising child poverty levels.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Delete point 5.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

In sub-point 7b), delete 'establish a Welsh Academy of Education Leadership' and replace with 'ensure it progresses effectively from new Initial Teacher Education

provision'.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as a new sub-point at the end of motion:

ensure that schools show evidence that they are using the PDG to help pupils from low-income households.

6 Voting Time

7 Short Debate – Postponed (30 mins)

NDM5726 Leanne Wood (South Wales Central)

Delivering a Devolution Dividend for the Whole of Wales

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 24 March 2015