

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 30 September 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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## 1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 13.30

The first 5 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 3 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Health. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

## 2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

The item started at 14.19

The first 6 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

## 3 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.12

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:



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Wales

**NDM5831 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the important role that local authority services play in an individuals' experiences of public services.
2. Regrets the Welsh Government's persistent refusal to provide support to local authorities in preventing rises in council tax bills;
3. Notes that the average band D council tax for Wales for 2015–16 is £1,328; and that households are £546 worse off over the course of the Fourth Assembly due to the Welsh Government's refusal to implement a council tax freeze;
4. Believes that people in Wales will question the value for money provided by many local authority services further to these council tax rises; and
5. Further believes that more work needs to be done in Wales to utilise the role third sector organisations can play in effective local service delivery.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	38	49

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Regrets the implications for the future of local authority services if the UK Government continues to pursue austerity policies.

Believes that local authorities and communities should have the freedom to make their own decisions to raise finance, in order to protect local services and jobs.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	11	49

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM5831 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the important role that local authority services play in an individuals' experiences of public services.

2. Regrets the implications for the future of local authority services if the UK Government continues to pursue austerity policies.

3. Believes that local authorities and communities should have the freedom to make their own decisions to raise finance, in order to protect local services and jobs.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	0	11	49

The motion as amended was agreed.

#### **4 Debate on a Petitions Committee Report – Stop the Army Recruiting in Schools**

The item started at 16.06

**NDM5828 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee on the petition, 'Stop the army recruiting in schools', which was laid in the Table Office on 19 June 2015.

The Welsh Government's response to the report was laid in the Table Office on 23 September 2015.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

#### **5 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

The item started at 17.05

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

## NDM5830 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that Welsh NHS referral-to-treatment time targets have not been met since 2010;
2. Regrets the potential adverse impact of prolonged NHS waiting times on patient outcomes and quality of life; and
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to set out a plan and timetable for achieving its referral-to-treatment time targets.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	0	29	49

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

### **Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the importance of achieving faster diagnosis in reducing waiting times.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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49	0	0	49
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**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert at end of point 3:

'and to ensure that patients are seen in a timely manner throughout their care.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	0	49

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

**A vote was taken on the motion as amended:**

**NDM5830 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that Welsh NHS referral-to-treatment time targets have not been met since 2010;
2. Regrets the potential adverse impact of prolonged NHS waiting times on patient outcomes and quality of life; and
3. Recognises the importance of achieving faster diagnosis in reducing waiting times.

4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to set out a plan and timetable for achieving its referral-to-treatment time targets and to ensure that patients are seen in a timely manner throughout their care.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	25	49

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 6 Voting Time

The item started at 18.02

## 7 Short Debate

The item started at 18.06

**NDM5829 Mark Isherwood (North Wales): Palliative Care in Wales, looking beyond 2016.**

The meeting concluded at 18.36

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 6 October 2015**