

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 24 February 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

The item started at 13.30

All 12 questions were asked. Question 10 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General

No questions tabled.

Urgent Question

The item started at 14.15

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the ground-breaking news of the Aston Martin factory being secured for Wales?

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3 Questions to the Assembly Commission

No questions tabled.

4 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee's report on its inquiry into Welsh in Education Strategic Plans

The item started at 14.22



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NDM5974 Ann Jones (Vale of Clwyd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee on the inquiry into Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (WESPs), which was laid in the Table Office on 9 December 2015.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), the amendment tabled to this motion was not selected.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Debate on the report to the National Assembly for Wales on the activities of the Welsh representatives on the EU Committee of the Regions

The item started at 14.58

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

NDM925 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Committee of the Regions' report to the National Assembly for Wales, laid in the Table Office on 15 January 2016.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales):

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that Wales and the UK should remain members of the EU and resolves to build a stronger dialogue with European institutions such as the Committee of the Regions.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	1	4	48

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM925 Mick Antoniw (Pontypridd)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Committee of the Regions' report to the National Assembly for Wales, laid in the Table Office on 15 January 2016.
2. Believes that Wales and the UK should remain members of the EU and resolves to build a stronger dialogue with European institutions such as the Committee of the Regions.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	1	4	48

The motion as amended was agreed.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.36

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM5976 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of empowering individuals and community groups to tackle issues of local significance;
2. Welcomes the campaign to trigger a referendum for the introduction of a directly elected mayor for Cardiff and notes the role that a similar position could play across Wales in enhancing local democracy, accountability and decision-making;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to take steps to foster a nation of active, informed, involved and engaged citizens by:

(a) introducing referenda on proposed council mergers and local authority council tax rises above a certain threshold so that individuals have more of a say over decision-making in their area;

(b) introducing new powers to better involve individuals in key local resolutions, such as the community right to bid and the community right to challenge, all under a community rights agenda; and

(c) lowering the petition threshold to trigger a referendum on directly elected mayors in a locality.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	0	37	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion):

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Believes that Plaid Cymru's proposals for local engagement, set out in the public services reform paper, provide a positive basis to achieve the aim of empowering individuals in the next Assembly.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	0	40	48

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 2.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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5	8	35	48
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Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Delete point 3(a) and insert:

introducing STV for local government elections in order to ensure that councillors are more accountable to their constituents.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	35	48

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

As the Assembly did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendments tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

7 Voting Time

The item started at 16.34

8 Short Debate

The item started at 16.38

NDM5975 Russell George (Montgomeryshire)

Mobilising Mid Wales – why universal mobile coverage is needed to transform the mid Wales economy

The meeting concluded at 16.55

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 1 March 2016