

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Meeting time: 13.00

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1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources

(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 Communities and Tackling Poverty

(45 mins)

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3 Debate on The Local Government Settlement 2016–17

(60 mins)

NDM5988 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Under Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2016–17 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was laid in the Table Office on 2 March 2016.

Supporting Document

[Local Government Finance Report \(NO.1\) 2016–17 \(Final Settlement – Councils\)](#)



4 Debate on The Police Settlement 2016–17

(30 mins)

NDM5989 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Under Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 2) 2016–17 (Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners), which was laid in the Table Office on 2 March 2016.

Supporting Document

[Local Government Finance Report \(No. 2\) 2016–17 \(Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners\)](#)

5 Stage 3 of the Public Health (Wales) Bill – Withdrawn

(0 mins)

6 Motion to approve revisions to the Members' Code of Conduct

(10 mins)

NDM5990 John Griffiths (Newport East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Adopts the revised Code of Conduct for Assembly Members, which was laid in the Table Office on 2 March 2016.

Supporting Document

[Code of Conduct for Assembly Members](#)

7 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

(60 mins)

NDM4945

Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire)

Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets that each year in Wales between 300 and 350 people die from suicide, with latest figures showing that it is the leading cause of death for 20–34 year olds;
2. Recognises that people with a diagnosed mental health condition are at particular risk, with an estimated 90 per cent of people who attempt or die by suicide having one or more mental health condition;
3. Believes that more needs to be done to encourage people to talk openly about suicide and suicidal feelings, to raise awareness and help ensure that nobody is left to feel they are suffering alone;
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) improve the collection of data to identify those most at risk;
 - b) ensure follow-up support for people attending A&E after self-harm or a suicide attempt;
 - c) provide more effective signposting for listening and advocacy services;
 - d) look at the delivery of projects such as the Calm Zone in Liverpool who are providing cutting edge advice in an age appropriate way that appeals to young people, and other national and international examples of best practice; and
 - e) assess support available for families of individuals with mental ill-health.

Supported by:

William Powell (Mid and West Wales)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales)

8 Debate on International Women's Day

(60 mins)

NDM5991 Rosemary Butler (Newport West)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Celebrates International Women's Day in recognition of the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women in Wales, and the remaining need to accelerate gender parity – particularly in public life.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Notes that the current gender pay gap is the lowest on record.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Notes that there are more women in work in the UK than ever before.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the UK Government's announcement that league tables ranking large firms by gender pay gap will be published by 2018.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as a new point at end of motion:

Regrets that working women in Wales have faced bigger increases in childcare costs than elsewhere in the UK.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM5987 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

"Keeping the local in local government" – the case for protecting Pembrokeshire from Welsh Government mergers.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 15 March 2016

Agenda Item 1

Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 2 March 2016 for answer on [9 March 2016](#)

R - Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

W - Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.
(Self-identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

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To ask the [Minister for Natural Resources](#)

1. [Altaf Hussain \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's forestry policy? OAQ(4)0427(NR)
2. [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the ways in which the Welsh Government makes information available to farmers on agriculture and rural affairs? OAQ(4)0416(NR)
3. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on how guidance on opencast mining planning applications considers the needs of local communities? OAQ(4)0421(NR)
4. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the duty of non-devolved bodies to comply with the Environment (Wales) Bill? OAQ(4)0426(NR)W
5. [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#): How are environmental issues taken into account when considering large scale planning applications for housing developments? OAQ(4)0418(NR)
6. [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): How is the Welsh Government helping people in fuel poverty? OAQ(4)0415(NR)
7. [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on flooding issues in north Wales? OAQ(4)0428(NR)
8. [Alun Ffred Jones \(Arfon\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the role of community energy projects as part of the Welsh Government's climate change strategy? OAQ(4)0419(NR)W
9. [William Powell \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the Minister outline Welsh Government policy on shooting game birds in Wales? OAQ(4)0422(NR)

10. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#): Will the Minister outline what steps the Welsh Government is taking to protect coastal communities in west Wales? OAQ(4)0414(NR)

11. [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on guidance for hydro-electric power scheme applications? OAQ(4)0417(NR)

12. [Gwyn Price \(Islwyn\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress local authorities are making in meeting their recycling targets? OAQ(4)0425(NR)

13. [Aled Roberts \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on the 2016 single application form for the basic payment scheme? OAQ(4)0424(NR)W

14. [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#): How is the Welsh Government meeting its obligations under the water framework directive? OAQ(4)0420(NR)W

15. [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on actions taken by Natural Resources Wales to protect our countryside? OAQ(4)0423(NR)

To ask the [Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty](#)

1. [William Graham \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Minister outline how the Welsh Government will ensure that supervised play services provided by local authorities are not adversely affected by childcare regulations? OAQ(4)0433(CTP)

2. [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on how the achievements of Flying Start can be mainstreamed? OAQ(4)0437(CTP)

3. [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): How is the Welsh Government meeting housing demand in rural areas? OAQ(4)0428(CTP)

4. [Dafydd Elis-Thomas \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#): What progress has been made to promote equality and human rights in the fourth Assembly? OAQ(4)0438(CTP)W

5. [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#): Will the Minister set out progress across Welsh Government portfolios in achieving the objectives of Communities First? OAQ(4)0434(CTP)

6. [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#): How is the Welsh Government supporting families in Wales? OAQ(4)429(CTP)

7. [Janet Haworth \(North Wales\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on Communities First funding in North Wales? OAQ(4)0432(CTP)
8. [Dafydd Elis-Thomas \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#): What progress has been made to promote the rights of children and young people during the fourth Assembly? OAQ(4)0439(CTP)W
9. [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's efforts to eradicate child poverty in Torfaen? OAQ(4)0440(CTP)
10. [Bethan Jenkins \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister provide an update on credit unions in Wales? OAQ(4)0431(CTP)
11. [Gwenda Thomas \(Neath\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the effect of welfare reforms on absolute poverty in Wales? OAQ(4)0427(CTP)
12. [Andrew RT Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#): What discussions has the Minister had with the Post Office in relation to the provision of Post Office services in South Wales Central? OAQ(4)430(CTP)
13. [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#): What discussions has the Minister had with the Post Office in relation to the impact of relocating post offices in Aberystwyth and Tregaron? OAQ(4)0436(CTP)W
14. [Alun Ffred Jones \(Arfon\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the success of the Welsh Government's tackling poverty programmes? OAQ(4)0435(CTP)W
15. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#): What is the Welsh Government doing to regenerate town centres in west Wales? OAQ(4)0426(CTP)