

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 29 June 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

The item started at 13.30

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

2 Questions to the Assembly Commission

No questions tabled.

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

The item started at 14.18

NDM6026

[David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

[Lee Waters \(Llanelli\)](#)

[Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

[Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that the Welsh Government should examine ways to strengthen inter-departmental working to improve outcomes for looked after children.



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Supported by:

[Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#)

[Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#)

[Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#)

[Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

[Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

4 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 15.09

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6052 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that the Wales Bill should make provision to enable the National Assembly for Wales to introduce the single transferable vote at all levels, except for elections to the European Parliament and House of Commons, to ensure fair representation for all political viewpoints.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	39	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all after "National Assembly for Wales to" and replace with "determine future Wales-only electoral arrangements."

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	1	11	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6052 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that the Wales Bill should make provision to enable the National Assembly for Wales to determine future Wales-only electoral arrangements.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	1	2	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 15.27

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6053 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Believes that:

(a) the principles of open government should be maintained in all areas of the Welsh Government's responsibilities;

(b) the Ministerial Code should be laid before and approved by the National Assembly for Wales; and that

(c) an independent adjudicator should be appointed to report publicly on any alleged breaches of the Code.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	39	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete sub-points (b) and (c) and replace with new point:

Notes a commitment by the First Minister to explore ways to strengthen the Ministerial Code and the way it operates.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	1	21	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that openness and transparency in the decision-making process would be enhanced by ensuring key appointments, including that of the Children's Commissioner, Future Generations Commissioner, Older People's Commissioner and

Welsh Language Commissioner, are made by the National Assembly for Wales, rather than the Welsh Government.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
22	0	30	52

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to formally respond to the concerns raised in the manifesto of the Cabinet Secretary for Education's party that Welsh Ministers have been able to breach the Ministerial Code with impunity.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6053 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that the principles of open government should be maintained in all areas of the Welsh Government's responsibilities;
2. Notes a commitment by the First Minister to explore ways to strengthen the Ministerial Code and the way it operates.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to formally respond to the concerns raised in the manifesto of the Cabinet Secretary for Education's party that Welsh Ministers have been able to breach the Ministerial Code with impunity.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	1	21	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.47

NDM6050 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the role air pollution plays in the health outcomes of communities across Wales.
2. Notes that the World Health Organisation has found that particulate pollution has risen 8 per cent globally in the past five years, with experts in the UK believing that about 29,000 deaths are linked to air pollution.
3. Expresses unease at levels of air pollution in Wales, noting that Crumlin, in Caerphilly, has the highest nitrogen dioxide levels recorded outside of London, and that evidence provided in a Public Health Wales NHS 2015 consultation response found a direct correlation between air pollution, and an increased prevalence in respiratory disease.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop an effective low emission strategy (LES), in consultation with stakeholders, to reduce the emissions of air pollutants.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Voting time

The item started at 16.50

Presiding Officer Statement: Election of Committee Chairs

The item started at 16.55

The Presiding Officer announced the results of the elections of committee Chairs in the following order:

Children, Young People and Education Committee

Julie Morgan	Lynne Neagle	Abstentions
25	31	1

The Presiding Officer declared Lynne Neagle elected as Chair of the **Children, Young People and Education Committee**.

Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

Russell George	Janet Finch-Saunders	Abstentions
41	13	3

The Presiding Officer declared Russell George elected as Chair of the **Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee**.

Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

John Griffiths	Lee Waters	Jenny Rathbone	Abstentions
33	13	9	2

As John Griffiths received more than half the first preferences in the ballot, the Presiding Officer declared him elected Chair of the **Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee**.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Dai Lloyd	Rhun ap Iorwerth	Abstentions
43	14	0

The Presiding Officer declared Dai Lloyd elected as Chair of the **Health, Social Care and Sport Committee**.

Public Accounts Committee

Darren Millar	Mark Isherwood	Nick Ramsay	Abstentions
17	7	31	2

As Nick Ramsay received more than half the first preferences in the ballot, the Presiding Officer declared him elected Chair of the **Public Accounts Committee**.

8 Short Debate

The item started at 16.59

NDM6051 [Rhianon Passmore \(Islwyn\)](#)

21st Century Schools: More than a building programme

The meeting concluded at 17.22

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 5 July 2016