

## Agenda – Plenary

## Meeting Venue:

Y Siambwr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 21 September 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

18(v4)

## **1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government**

(45mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

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## 2 Questions to the Assembly Commission

(0mins)

No questions tabled.

### **3 Motion to elect Members to committees**

(5mins)

NDM6099 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Rhun ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru) as a Member of the Business Committee in place of Simon Thomas (Plaid Cymru).



## **4 Motion to elect Members to committees**

(5mins)

### **NDM6100 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Nathan Gill (Independent) as a Member of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in place of Michelle Brown (UKIP).

## **5 Motion to elect Members to the Assembly Commission**

(5mins)

### **NDM6101 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 7.9, appoints Adam Price (Plaid Cymru) as a member of the Assembly Commission in place of Dai Lloyd (Plaid Cymru).

## **6 Statement by the Chair of the Finance Committee on the Budget Process**

(30mins)

## **7 Plaid Cymru Debate**

(30mins)

### **NDM6095 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that it is three years since the publication of Professor Sioned Davies's report, that recommended the removal of 'Welsh second language' and establishing one Welsh language learning continuum in its place.

2. Notes that the First Minister's letter of December 2015 states his opinion that the concept of "Welsh as a second language" creates an artificial difference, and we are not of the view that it offers a useful basis for making policies for the future.
3. Notes the importance of the education system in order to reach the Welsh Government's target of one million Welsh speakers.
4. Regrets the decision of Qualifications Wales to keep the Welsh second language qualification for an unspecified time and therefore in order to ensure that no pupil is deprived of the skills to use the Welsh language, calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - (a) outline a clear timetable for replacing the Welsh second language qualification with one new Welsh qualification for every pupil by 2018, which would mean examining the new qualification for the first time in 2020;
  - (b) adopt a strategy for targeting extra resources for teaching Welsh to trainee teachers, serving teachers, classroom assistants and other teaching practitioners; and
  - (c) invest substantially, and seriously plan, through a series of innovative initiatives, in order to quickly increase the number of education practitioners who teach through the medium of Welsh.

## **Supporting Documents**

['One Language for all: Review of Welsh second language in Key Stages 3 and 4'](#)

['Letter from the First Minister, 4 December 2015'](#) (Welsh only)

## **The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes that:

- a) Education in Wales is being reformed, Qualifications Wales is strengthening the Welsh Second Language GCSE as an interim measure, and from 2021 the new curriculum will remove the distinction between Welsh and Welsh Second Language; and
- b) The Welsh Government will publish plans and timelines for curriculum and assessment change for Welsh in schools.

**Amendment 2 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

Add as new point at end of Motion:

Notes the importance of Welsh language skills development in pre-school playgroups.

**Amendment 3 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

Add as new point at end of Motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to improve Welsh language skills development in all Flying Start settings.

**Amendment 4 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

Add as new point at end of Motion:

'Calls upon the Welsh Government to set out its plans for developing Welsh language skills within vocational courses and studies undertaken in community learning settings.'

## **8 Plaid Cymru Debate**

(30mins)

**NDM6096 [Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the importance of full membership of the European single market to the Welsh economy.

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

**Amendment 1. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\):](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the importance of access to the EU Single Market for the Welsh economy.
2. Calls for clarity on the Welsh Government's position on the free movement of people between the UK and the EU, post the UK leaving the EU.
3. Welcomes the interest in establishing new trade agreements between the UK and other countries around the world.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to ensure the best deal for Wales.

## **9 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

(60mins)

**NDM6093 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\):](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of transport connections within north Wales, and between north Wales and the north west of England, and the Midlands.

2. Believes that the proposals contained within the "Growth Vision for the Economy of North Wales" offers the basis for improving the economic performance of north Wales.

3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

- (a) publish a plan to improve and upgrade the A55 trunk road to address problems with congestion, flood risk, and lack of hard shoulder in some areas;
- (b) work with the UK Government and the North Wales Economic Ambition Board to deliver upgrades to the north Wales line;
- (c) work with stakeholders to establish an integrated transport travel card scheme for north Wales;
- (d) publish a detailed business plan for the development of the North Wales Metro.

#### **Supporting Documents:**

[Growth Vision for the Economy of North Wales](#)

#### **The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):**

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Recognises the importance of transport connections within Wales, and between Wales and the rest of the UK and Europe.

**Amendment 2. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):**

Delete sub-point 3(c) and replace with:

'introduce a Welsh transport smart card for the whole of Wales to connect all communities through an integrated transport system.'

## **10 United Kingdom Independence Party Debate**

(60mins)

### **NDM6094 Neil Hamilton (Mid and West Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges the important role played by grammar schools in promoting social mobility and giving children from poorer backgrounds access to a first class education.
2. Notes that a reduction in social mobility has gone hand in hand with a cut in grammar school places.
3. Believes in diversity in secondary education, which gives children the right to a grammar school education if parents so desire, and supports enhanced status for technical and vocational education and the re-introduction of grammar schools in Wales to produce an educational system which provides the best opportunities for children of all abilities.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

- Delete point 1 and replace with:

Is not persuaded that selection in the education system is appropriate for schools in Wales.

#### **Amendment 2. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Believes that extending parental and pupil choice is the best way to improve standards in our schools.

**Amendment 3. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

In point 3, delete:

'which gives children the right to a grammar school education if parents so desire'.

**Amendment 4. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

In point 3, delete:

'and the re-introduction of grammar schools'.

**Amendment 5. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that every year in Wales thousands of pupils are turned away from schools that they and their parents prefer because good, successful schools are full.

**Amendment 6. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to free schools up from local authority control and enable popular schools to expand to enable more pupils to access schools that they and their parents choose.

## 11 Voting time

## **12 Short Debate**

(30mins)

NDM6092 [Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

Unlocking Children's Natural Potential – The Role of Outdoor Education in the Learning Process.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 27 September 2016

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 14 September 2016 for answer on 21 September 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 Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

1. David Melding (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the process to establish elected mayors in Wales?  
OAQ(5)0019(FLG)

2. Darren Millar (Clwyd West): Will the Minister make a statement on the budget allocated to the economy and infrastructure portfolio in relation to business support in each of the past 3 years?  
OAQ(5)0024(FLG)

3. Steffan Lewis (South Wales West): Will the Minister make a statement on the external advisory panel on EU withdrawal? OAQ(5)0031(FLG)

4. Sian Gwenllian (Arfon): Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's efforts to ensure that local authorities reach their targets? OAQ(5)0022(FLG)W

5. Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's plans for the financing of local government during the fifth Assembly? OAQ(5)0026(FLG)

6. Dai Lloyd (South Wales West): Will the Minister provide an update to the development of a City Deal for the Swansea Bay City Region?  
OAQ(5)0027(FLG)

7. Mike Hedges (Swansea East): Will the Minister make a statement on the performance of Welsh councils? OAQ(5)0021(FLG)

8. Russell George (Mongomeryshire): Will the Minister outline whether or not the Welsh Government provides guidance to local authorities on the procurement of its waste management contracts? OAQ(5)0023(FLG)

9. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the overall budget allocation to the Environment and Rural Affairs portfolio? OAQ(5)0018(FLG)

**10. Hannah Blythyn (Delyn):** Will the Minister address reform of local government funding alongside any re-organisation plans?  
OAQ(5)0028(FLG)

**11. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What discussions has the Minister had about reviewing the Barnett formula? OAQ(5)0029(FLG)

**12. Steffan Lewis (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on his assessment of the future of EU structural funds?  
OAQ(5)0030(FLG)

**13. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** What discussions has the Minister had about budget allocations to the Communities and Children portfolio?  
OAQ(5)0025(FLG)

**14. Neil McEvoy (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on the local government funding settlement?  
OAQ(5)0020(FLG)