

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 29 November 2016

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

#### Urgent Question 1

The item started at 14.18

**Russell George (Montgomeryshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the decision to suspend the activities of the board of Sport Wales?

#### Urgent Question 2

The item started at 14.23

**Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of plans to establish Yr Egin centre in Carmarthen?



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## **Urgent Question 3**

The item started at 14.39

**Jeremy Miles (Neath):** Will the Counsel General outline his assessment of the potential legal implications of the planned litigation against the UK government in relation to Article 127 of the European Economic Area Agreement?

## **Point of Order**

The item started at 14.48

Neil McEvoy raised a point of order regarding the First Minister's comments that the Member did not like incomers on the grounds that such comments were discourteous, offensive and had distracted from the dignity of the Assembly.

The Llywydd stated that she had not heard anything out of order in the First Minister's comments but would review the Record.

## **2 Business Statement and Announcement**

The item started at 14.49

## **3 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: The Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Bill**

The item started at 15.20

## **4 Legislative Consent Motion on the Children and Social Work Bill**

The item started at 16.19

**NDM6173 [Carl Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6 agrees that provisions in the Children and Social Work Bill, relating to adoption

agencies in Wales in so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, should be considered by the UK Parliament

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## 5 Debate: The Older People's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report 2015–16

The item started at 16.22

NDM6174 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly of Wales:

Notes the Annual Report for 2015–16 by the Older People's Commissioner for Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the work of the Older People's Commissioner to tackle the impact of loneliness and isolation on older people living in Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to do more to address this matter.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that, to ensure that older people have a strong voice in line with the Older People Commissioner's recommendations, the Welsh Government should consider introducing an Older People's Rights Bill to extend and promote the rights of Wales's older people.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Voting on the motion and amendment 3 under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

**Amendment 3.** [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the importance of public services provided by local government to the health and well-being of older people, and regrets that continued financial challenges as a result of austerity are hindering the provision of these services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	4	11	51

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM6174 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)**

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Notes that, to ensure that older people have a strong voice in line with the Older People Commissioner's recommendations, the Welsh Government should consider introducing an Older People's Rights Bill to extend and promote the rights of Wales's older people.

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	11	0	52

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## 6 Debate: The Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report 2015–16

The item started at 17.02

NDM6175 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Chief Medical Officer for Wales's Annual Report for 2015–16 "Rebalancing healthcare – working in partnership to reduce social inequity".

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the prevalence of ill–health in poorer communities, identified by the report, is caused by wider environmental, social and economic conditions and cannot be blamed solely on poor choices made by individuals, and that public health policies should reflect the responsibility of government to tackle this rather than merely focus on lecturing people.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

NDM6175 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

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The motion as amended was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **7 Voting Time**

The item started at 17.48

The meeting concluded at 17.50

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 30 November 2016**