

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 15 February 2017

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

2 Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14.19

All 7 questions were answered.

3 90 Second Statements

The item started at 14.53

Huw Irranca-Davies made a statement on Men's Sheds Cymru.



4 Statement by the Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee: The Big Picture, An Initial Look at Broadcasting in Wales

The item started at 14.54

5 Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's report on its post-legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

The item started at 15.13

NDM6239 John Griffiths (Newport East):

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on the Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act (Wales) 2015, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 December 2016.

Note: The response of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 February 2017.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

The item started at 16.15

NDM6204

Hannah Blythyn (Delyn)

Jeremy Miles (Neath)

Suzy Davies (South Wales West)

Adam Price (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that February is LGBT History Month, an annual opportunity to promote diversity and equality across Wales.
2. Further notes the contribution that LGBT plus people have made to our communities and country.
3. Recognises the role played by Welsh LGBT icons and allies in Wales as illustrated in this month's LGBT icons and allies exhibition in the Senedd.
4. Welcomes the progress made in the past few decades on LGBT rights and acceptance.
5. Believes that vigilance is needed to ensure that LGBT plus rights are protected.
6. Takes the lead in continuing to progress equality and challenging discrimination and division, ensuring Wales is a welcoming nation for LGBT plus people.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru debate

The item started at 17.19

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

NDM6240 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of easily accessible financial advice and banking services to individuals and businesses in all communities in Wales.

2. Regrets the closure of bank and building society branches in communities across Wales.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

i) urgently explore all options to meet the financial needs of individuals and businesses in Wales; and

ii) examine the legislative and regulatory steps necessary to establish alternative models of banking service provision, including a Welsh People's Bank on the model of local savings banks.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	35	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Welcomes the work of the Welsh Government in promoting financial inclusion, including support for advice services and credit unions, and the ambitions set out in the 2016 Financial Inclusion Strategy for a well functioning and comprehensive financial system in Wales.

Recognises the need for the Welsh and UK Governments to work together with partners to improve access to affordable credit and financial services and information for individuals, including debt advice.

Recognises the need to improve financial capability in Wales and notes the work being undertaken to establish the Development Bank of Wales and its intelligence unit which will better target financial services and advice for micro, small and medium sized businesses in Wales."

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	4	18	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

[Amendment 1 was agreed, therefore amendment 2 was de-selected]

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

Add as new point at end of Motion:

Welcomes the independent "Access to Banking Protocol One Year on Review" by Professor Russel Griggs OBE, published in November 2016.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	10	4	51

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#):

Add as new point at end of Motion:

Welcomes the new Post Office Partnership agreement with UK Banks.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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Recognises the need for the Welsh and UK Governments to work together with partners to improve access to affordable credit and financial services and information for individuals, including debt advice.

Recognises the need to improve financial capability in Wales and notes the work being undertaken to establish the Development Bank of Wales and its intelligence unit which will better target financial services and advice for micro, small and medium sized businesses in Wales."

4. Welcomes the independent "Access to Banking Protocol One Year on Review" by Professor Russel Griggs OBE, published in November 2016.

5. Welcomes the new Post Office Partnership agreement with UK Banks.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

Urgent Question

To the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure:

David Rees (Aberavon): Following today's announcement on the steel ballot by the Tata workforce, will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on what discussions he has had to ensure the commitment to the investment in steel making at Port Talbot is secured?

The item started at 18.16

8 Voting time

The item started at 18.42

9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.45

NDM6238 Caroline Jones (South Wales West)

Tackling loneliness and isolation in Wales, a partnership approach.

The meeting concluded at 19.04

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 28 February 2017