Agenda - Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr - Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 March 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

(45 mins)

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 Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children (45 mins)

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3 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

4 Motion to amend Standing Order 23 in relation to Public Petitions (5 mins)

NDM6250 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)



To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

- 1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 23 Public Petitions' <u>laid</u> in the Table Office on 28 February 2017; and
- 2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Order 23, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

5 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv) (60 mins)

NDM6210

Lee Waters (Llanelli)
Jeremy Miles (Neath)
Vikki Howells (Cynon Valley)
Hefin David (Caerphilly)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Notes that approximately 40 per cent of the workforce is employed in the 'Foundational Economy' supplying essential goods and services such as: infrastructures; utilities; food processing, retailing and distribution; and health, education and care.
- 2. Recognises that these sectors are often more resilient to external economic shocks and have considerable potential to generate greater local value from the provision of localised goods and services.
- 3. Regrets that many of the sectors within the Foundation Economy are marked by low paid and insecure jobs
- 4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a strategy to maximise the impact of the 'Foundational Economy' across Wales as part of its work on developing a new economic strategy, including measures to improve employment conditions in those sectors.

Supported by:

<u>David Melding (South Wales Central)</u> <u>David Rees (Aberavon)</u>

6 Welsh Conservatives debate

(60 mins)

NDM6251 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Recognises that secure housing, healthcare, education, and being safe at home, safe at school and in the community builds the foundation for a child's healthy development;
- 2. Notes the importance of a long term vision for Child Health, which promotes health and well-being from birth.
- 3. Calls on the Welsh Government to improve data collection and the understanding of child health in Wales by:
- a) extending cancer experience surveys to collect data for under 16s;
- b) conducting research into peer bullying; and
- c) re-evaluating perinatal mental health support to ensure consistency across Wales for vulnerable families.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. Rhun ap lorwerth (Ynys Môn)

Add at end of point 1:

'and regrets the effects of cuts to housing benefit on the ability of social housing to provide secure housing for children.'

Amendment 2. Rhun ap lorwerth (Ynys Môn)

Add at end of point 2:

'and continues with suitable support for physical and mental health as a child grows up.'

Amendment 3. Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan):

Delete point 3(c) and replace with:

'monitoring the progress of the new perinatal mental health support to ensure consistency across Wales for vulnerable families.'

Amendment 4. Rhun ap lorwerth (Ynys Môn)

At the end of point 3, insert as new sub-points:

'considering how schools can help to create environments to tackle obesity;

ensuring all schools are able to offer excellent facilities for sports.'

7 Plaid Cymru debate

(60 mins)

NDM6252 Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn)

Calls on the Welsh Government to review the impact of its decision to cut the funding of the family fund, and to either reverse the cuts to the family fund, or establish mechanisms to provide direct financial support to low income families with disabled children at a minimum of at least the same levels previously provided.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan):

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's

a) £22m Sustainable Social Services grant scheme to support third sector organisations deliver the Welsh Government's ambitious social services agenda which includes supporting families raising disabled or seriously ill children;

- b) £42.5m Families First programme, including £3m ring-fenced funding for disabled families;
- c) £2.2m annual funding for Citizens Advice Cymru to support targeted groups including families with disabled children and help them access the benefits they are entitled to, which has generated £3.3m in additional benefits between April and December 2016.
- 2. Recognises that the Family Fund has been allocated the maximum available grant of £1.5m and an additional £400,000 this year to continue supporting families and adapt its funding model for the future.
- 3. Welcomes the positive impact the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act has had on strengthening the rights of and support of carers, including those looking after disabled or seriously ill children.

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act

Amendment 2. Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the Northern Ireland Executive, Scottish Government and UK Government, in relation to England, have all maintained their funding for the family fund.

- 8 Voting time
- 9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6248 Neil McEvoy (South Wales Central)

Establishing a Welsh Stock Exchange

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 March 2017