

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 3 May 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 Assembly Commission

The item started at 14.14

The 3 questions were asked.

#### 3 Topical Questions

The item started at 14.26

#### 4 90 Second Statements

There were no 90-second statements.



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## **5 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education Committee's inquiry into the Education Improvement Grant: Gypsy, Roma and Traveller, and Minority Ethnic Children**

The item started at 14.47

**NDM6296 [Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Children, Young People and Education Committee Report on the Inquiry into the Education Improvement Grant: Gypsy, Roma and Traveller, and Minority Ethnic Children which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 21 February 2017.

**The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **6 Plaid Cymru debate**

The item started at 15.28

**The Presiding Officer suspended proceedings at 16.17 due to microphone failure affecting the Siambr. The bell was rung 2 minutes before reconvening at 16.40.**

**Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until voting time.**

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM6295 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that quality local public services are key to the prosperity and wellbeing of our nation.
2. Regrets that since 2011–12, funding for local authorities in Wales has decreased by 6.5 per cent, disproportionately affecting some of the weakest and most vulnerable people in communities across Wales.
3. Recognises the important role played by local authorities in:
  - a) developing local economies in partnership with the business community;
  - b) ensuring that our streets are clean and safe;

c) delivering quality education; and

d) delivering social service care that look after the most vulnerable people in communities across Wales.

4. Notes that the average salary for Chief Executives running Plaid Cymru-led Councils is nearly £22,000 less than those run by Labour Councils in Wales.

5. Believes that local affordable housing development projects should be rooted in the needs of the community.

6. Notes the successful child development tracking model, used by Ceredigion Council – the only council judged by Estyn to have excellent performance in Wales in the last full cycle of inspections – to ensure children are reaching their potential, with assistance provided at an early stage to those who are falling behind.

7. Regrets that, since 2012, the percentage total of local government procurement spend in Wales has remained static at just 58 per cent.

8. Calls on the Welsh Government to scrap zero hours contracts in the social care sector.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	35	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	21	47

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendments 2, 3, 4 and 5 were de-selected.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6295 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that quality local public services are key to the prosperity and wellbeing of our nation.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	6	47

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 7 United Kingdom Independence Party debate

The item started at 16.54

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM6297 [David J Rowlands \(South Wales East\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Directs the Welsh Government to review its energy generation policies and environmental impact policy.

2. Notes that there is an aim of achieving a zero-carbon economy in Wales.

3. Believes that:

a) communities should have the final say over whether to approve solar farms in their locality;

b) mature woodland should not be cut down to build solar farms; and

c) the method of reducing residential, public sector and business energy usage should be supported by:

i) encouraging the installation of triple glazing in residential and other properties; and

ii) encouraging the installation of fuel-efficient boilers.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	8	34	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's energy policy strategy Energy Wales.
2. Notes the legislative target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Wales by at least 80 per cent by 2050.
3. Recognises the planning system provides opportunities to both protect Wales' unique landscape and also promote opportunities for renewable energy generation.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	20	47

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were de-selected.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM6297 [David J Rowlands \(South Wales East\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's energy policy strategy Energy Wales.
2. Notes the legislative target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Wales by at least 80 per cent by 2050.
3. Recognises the planning system provides opportunities to both protect Wales' unique landscape and also promote opportunities for renewable energy generation.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	8	5	47

The motion as amended was agreed.

## **8 Voting time**

The item started at 17.45

## **9 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.49

**NDM6294 [Hannah Blythyn \(Delyn\)](#)**

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The meeting concluded at 18.09

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 9 May 2017**