

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

The first 10 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

#### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

The item started at 14.18

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

#### 3 Topical Questions

This item started at 15.04

To the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure:



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[Adam Price \(Carmarthen East and Dinefwr\)](#): What actions is the Welsh Government taking in response to the proposed plans to close the Tesco Customer Engagement Centre in Cardiff?

#### **4 90 Second Statements**

This item started at 15.30

Vikki Howells made a statement on the first Asian mayor in Wales, Dr Shah Imtiaz.

Dawn Bowden made a statement on Womenspire Award winner, Sarah Draper, and her hard work with the “Merthyr Girls Can” campaign.

Llyr Gruffydd made a statement on the Llangollen International Eisteddfod.

#### **5 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)**

This item started at 15.35

**NDM6283**

[Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

[Jeremy Miles \(Neath\)](#)

To propose the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the £217 million Welsh Government investment over the last 5 years and further commitment of £104 million for the next 4 years to improve home energy efficiency and tackle fuel poverty.
2. Further notes that investment in home energy efficiency needs to be dramatically scaled-up if Wales is to achieve its aims around decarbonisation and reducing fuel poverty.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider a broader range of investment approaches for energy efficiency including innovative finance, putting public sector pensions to good use, and tapping into private sector funding.
4. Notes the proposal to establish a National Infrastructure Commission for Wales and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the long-term energy infrastructure needs of Wales and the opportunities for energy efficiency are included within its remit.

5. Believes that such investment would dramatically boost efforts to tackle fuel poverty in some of our older homes, providing warm and cosy homes, improving the health and well-being of all and particularly the vulnerable.

6. Further believes this would help tackle climate change, reducing the carbon emissions through energy efficiency, reducing energy consumption and reducing the number of new power stations we need to build.

7. Recognises the potential for economic growth, creating many thousands of jobs in every community throughout every part of Wales.

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

## **6 Debate by the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee on its report on the future of agricultural and rural development policies in Wales**

The item started at 16.25

**NDM6347 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee on the future of land management in Wales, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 26 March 2017.

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

## **7 Welsh Conservatives debate**

The item started at 17.31

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM6340 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the vital contribution that part-time higher education makes to the Welsh economy, especially in our most disadvantaged communities.
2. Supports initiatives such as Adult Learners Week and recognises the importance of adult and community learning opportunities to Wales.
3. Welcomes the proposed support package for part-time higher education and part-time students put forward in the Welsh Government's response to the Diamond Review.
4. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:
  - a) Provide an all-age careers advisory and education service which gives parity of esteem to full and part-time study options, supports progression for people in low wage employment, and recognises the wider benefits of adult and community learning to improving health and well-being; and
  - b) invest in adult community learning to enable pathways for all into, and through, further and higher education.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	34	52

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendments were tabled:**

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government currently provides an all-age, independent and bilingual careers information advice and guidance service through Careers Wales.

Recognises the ambition of the Welsh Government in developing a new all-age employability plan, a key part of which is the need for effective and joined-up careers advice to support individuals into the most appropriate educational, employment and training opportunities.

Recognises the vital importance of adult learning and supporting skills development at all ages.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	24	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end motion:

Urges the Welsh Government to confirm its proposals for student support and higher education funding as soon as reasonably practicable to allow the higher education sector to plan ahead for the 2018/19 academic year.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	1	52

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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2. Supports initiatives such as Adult Learners Week and recognises the importance of adult and community learning opportunities to Wales.
3. Welcomes the proposed support package for part-time higher education and part-time students put forward in the Welsh Government's response to the Diamond Review.
4. Notes the Welsh Government currently provides an all-age, independent and bilingual careers information advice and guidance service through Careers Wales.
5. Recognises the ambition of the Welsh Government in developing a new all-age employability plan, a key part of which is the need for effective and joined-up careers advice to support individuals into the most appropriate educational, employment and training opportunities.

6. Recognises the vital importance of adult learning and supporting skills development at all ages.

7. Urges the Welsh Government to confirm its proposals for student support and higher education funding as soon as reasonably practicable to allow the higher education sector to plan ahead for the 2018/19 academic year.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 8 Voting time

The item started at 18.31

## 9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.33

### NDM6338 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

Technology and the Welsh language: Risk or opportunity?

The challenges, threats and opportunities presented by new technologies for the Welsh language

The meeting concluded at 18.58

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 4 July 2017**