

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

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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 6 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 14.22

Both questions were asked.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 14.32

To the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport:

[Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#): What consideration has the Cabinet Secretary given to prioritising all heart attacks in the most urgent eight minute ambulance response category, in light of the statement he issued on 29 June which



said that a patient's chance of surviving an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest decreases by an estimated 10 per cent every minute? **WITHDRAWN**

To the First Minister (answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government):

[Steffan Lewis \(South Wales East\)](#): What assessment has the First Minister made of the UK Government's policy paper 'Safeguarding the position of EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU', published last week?

To the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure:

[Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on support for 'Y Cymro' given current uncertainty around its long-term future?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 14.51

Jayne Bryant made a statement on the Basque child refugees from the Spanish Civil War who came to Newport 80 years ago that week.

5 Motions to elect Members to committees

The item started at 14.53

In accordance with Standing Order 12.24 it was agreed to group the following motions for debate, and in accordance with Standing Order 12.40 it was agreed to group the votes on the motions.

NDM6361 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Gareth Bennett (United Kingdom Independence Party) as a member of the Standards of Conduct Committee in place of David J Rowlands (United Kingdom Independence Party).

NDM6364 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, elects Mark Reckless (Welsh Conservatives) as a member of the Children, Young People and Education Committee in place of Mohammad Asghar (Welsh Conservatives).

The motions were agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal

The item started at 14.53

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

NDM6349 [Bethan Jenkins \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a bill to support young carers in Wales.
2. Notes that the purpose of this bill would be to:
 - a) Provide statutory guidance for schools and local authorities in Wales to provide appropriate support and flexibility for young carers to undertake their care responsibilities during and after school hours;
 - b) provide guidance for schools to work with young carers to provide flexible pathways to ensure continued participation in education;
 - c) allow young carers to collect prescriptions on behalf of those in their care, via a Young Carers Card or other mechanism; and
 - d) ensure that the Welsh Government work with appropriate organisations to introduce respite and support services for young carers in every local authority area in Wales.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	16	0	50

The motion was agreed.

7 Welsh Conservatives debate

The item started at 15.20

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6354 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of regeneration schemes in enhancing the future prosperity of communities across Wales.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to outline how it proposes to increase investor confidence for regeneration projects.
3. Regrets the Welsh Government's handling of the Circuit of Wales project and believes this could have a negative impact on potential investment for future regeneration projects in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	34	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Recognises the importance of regeneration schemes that work in partnership with interventions such as infrastructure development, the creation of good quality jobs as well as skills and employability in enhancing the future prosperity of communities across Wales.
2. Welcomes the establishment of the Ministerial Taskforce for the South Wales Valleys with its aim of ensuring effective regeneration across the region alongside strong, connective infrastructure; improved access to good quality jobs and skills development.
3. Notes the Welsh Government's intention to invest £100m over ten years in a new Automotive Technology Business Park in Ebbw Vale to stimulate economic growth across the Heads of the Valleys.
4. Notes the work of the Welsh Government and other stakeholders in driving forward the North Wales Growth Deal to support economic growth on a cross-border basis.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	23	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to meet with all relevant parties in order to explore potential solutions to the issues referred to in its statement on the Circuit of Wales of the 27 June 2017 to increase future investor confidence.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	27	50

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to commit to establishing a full independent inquiry into the Welsh Government's handling of the Circuit of Wales project.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	27	50

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6354 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of regeneration schemes that work in partnership with interventions such as infrastructure development, the creation of good quality jobs as well as skills and employability in enhancing the future prosperity of communities across Wales.

2. Welcomes the establishment of the Ministerial Taskforce for the South Wales Valleys with its aim of ensuring effective regeneration across the region alongside strong, connective infrastructure; improved access to good quality jobs and skills development.

3. Notes the Welsh Government's intention to invest £100m over ten years in a new Automotive Technology Business Park in Ebbw Vale to stimulate economic growth across the Heads of the Valleys.

4. Notes the work of the Welsh Government and other stakeholders in driving forward the North Wales Growth Deal to support economic growth on a cross-border basis.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	16	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Plaid Cymru debate

The item started at 16.26

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6356 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

1. Notes the Welsh Government's aim of publishing a strategy in order to reach a million Welsh speakers by 2050.

2. Notes the Plaid Cymru report 'Reaching the Million' which outlines clearly some of the main strategic priorities for growing the number of Welsh speakers in Wales to a million by 2050.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) plan for substantial growth, and normalising, Welsh medium education and child care;

b) ensure that language considerations are intrinsic in economic planning as part of maintaining the current maintenance regimes and the need for this to be reflected in the Welsh Government's proposed economic strategy;

c) strengthen the role of the Welsh language Commissioner to regulate and promote the rights of Welsh speakers and extend the Welsh language standards to the private sector including the telecommunications sector, banks and supermarkets;

d) establish a new arms-length agency to promote the Welsh language within education, communities and the economy.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
7	0	43	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government's intention to publish a White Paper for consultation this summer on provision for a new Welsh Language Bill.

Recognises the action being taken already to promote and facilitate the use of Welsh across communities and workplaces, in formal and informal settings.

Welcomes the establishment of a planning board to advise on a national programme to promote the use of the Welsh language.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	23	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6356 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

1. Notes the Welsh Government's aim of publishing a strategy in order to reach a million Welsh speakers by 2050.

2. Notes the Welsh Government's intention to publish a White Paper for consultation this summer on provision for a new Welsh Language Bill.

3. Recognises the action being taken already to promote and facilitate the use of Welsh across communities and workplaces, in formal and informal settings.

4. Welcomes the establishment of a planning board to advise on a national programme to promote the use of the Welsh language.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	18	6	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting time

The item started at 17.24

10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.28

NDM6355 [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Hate crime – is it on the rise in Wales?

The meeting concluded at 17.50

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 11 July 2017