

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 9 January 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call the Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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2 Business Statement and Announcement

(30 mins)

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3 Statement by the Minister for Children and Social Care:

Consultation on Legislation to Remove the Defence of Reasonable Punishment

(45 mins)

4 Statement by the Counsel General: The Welsh Government Prosecution Code

(45 mins)

5 The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

(15 mins)



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NDM6618 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 27 November 2017.

Supporting document

[Report of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#)

6 Debate: Our Valleys, Our Future: Delivery Plan

(60 mins)

NDM6617 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the publication of the Our Valleys, Our Future: Delivery Plan.

[Our Valleys, Our Future: Delivery Plan](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with regret that:

a) the value of goods and services produced per head of population (GVA) in the West Wales and the Valleys sub-region is still bottom across the UK, at just 64% of the UK average – with the Gwent Valleys second only to Anglesey as the lowest in the UK;

b) the Bevan Foundation “Tough Times Ahead? What 2018 might hold for Wales” report states that although UK unemployment is forecast to remain at around 4.3% over the year, “performance is unlikely to be enough to boost those parts of

Wales where unemployment stands well above the UK figure such as Merthyr Tydfil (7.3%) and Blaenau Gwent (6.7%)”;

c) the delivery of the Welsh Government’s new Working Wales employability programme has been delayed until April 2019.

[The Bevan Foundation – Tough Times Ahead? What 2018 might hold for Wales](#)

Amendment 2. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to outline how it will talk, consult, design and deliver its ‘Our Valleys, Our Future: Delivery Plan’ with people who live and work in the south Wales valleys; the UK Government; and the business and third sectors, as the taskforce’s work progresses.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that true engagement with the “Be The Spark” movement, to create more profitable home-grown businesses that generate wealth and prosperity for the whole of Wales, will require Welsh Government collaboration with a culture that links innovation and entrepreneurship together.

Amendment 4. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new points at end of motion:

Recognises the need for strategic investment in all parts of the South Wales Valleys, including the western Valleys.

Believes the Delivery Plan will only be fully achieved with a sufficient level of funding.

Believes an overarching delivery body will be required to monitor, drive forward and implement the Delivery Plan.

7 Debate: The Draft Welsh National Marine Plan

(60 mins)

NDM6616 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the consultation on the Draft Welsh National Marine Plan (WNMP).
2. Recognises and supports the potential for sustainable 'Blue Growth' in marine sectors as set out in the draft plan.
3. Recognises, as set out in the draft plan, the significance of Welsh marine ecosystems and the importance of the sustainable management of our marine natural resources to national wellbeing.
4. Welcomes the Welsh Government's ongoing commitment to engagement and collaboration in developing and implementing marine planning for Wales.

[Draft Welsh National Marine Plan](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new points after point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Welcomes the EU's investment in marine energy in Pembrokeshire and Anglesey and calls for similar regional cohesion investment from the UK Government following Brexit.

Regrets the delay in taking forward the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon project as a pathfinder project that would allow us to learn a great deal about blue growth potential from tidal energy.

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Regrets the delay in the publication of the Welsh Government's final marine plan in the context of the challenge posed to Welsh seas following the decision to leave the European Union.

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

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

In point 4, delete all after “collaboration” and insert:

"but regrets the delay in producing the Draft Welsh National Marine Plan."

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to give greater priority to Wales’s marine environment and economy going forward.

Amendment 5. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a levy on disposable single-use plastics to help ensure that Welsh seas are clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse.

8 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 10 January 2018