

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 15 May 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

### 2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.16

### 3 Legislative Consent Motion on the EU (Withdrawal) Bill

The item started at 14.52

**Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.**

**NDM6722 [Carwyn Jones \(Bridgend\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 29.6, agrees that provisions in the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill in so far as they fall within or modify the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales should continue to be considered by the UK Parliament.

A Legislative Consent Memorandum was [laid](#) in Table Office on 12 September 2017 and a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 27 April 2018 in accordance with Standing Order 29.2.



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The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	0	9	55

The motion was agreed.

#### **4 Statement by the Leader of the House: International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia**

The item started at 16.16

#### **5 Statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance: Vacant Land Tax**

The item started at 17.00

#### **6 Statement by the Leader of the House: Update on Digital Connectivity in Wales**

The item started at 17.45

#### **7 Debate: The Role of the Planning System in Placemaking**

The item started at 18.35

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

**NDM6721 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises having high quality, well designed developments and places is essential to the long-term health and well-being of the people of Wales.
2. Believes the town and country planning system is well placed to make holistic decisions on the built environment which maximise the well-being goals.
3. Acknowledges that having strong national placemaking policies in Planning Policy Wales and the National Development Framework shows leadership to planning authorities and others in shaping and making good places.

4. Recognises the role of built environment professionals to deliver placemaking and calls on local authorities to effectively resource planning departments.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Believes the town and country planning system needs adaptation to make more holistic decisions on the built environment which maximises well-being goals and increases the supply of land for housing.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	8	55

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Recognises the need for a strong national placemaking framework to give guidance to planning authorities and others to shape and make good places.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	8	55

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

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

Add as new points at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to amend technical advice note 20 urgently to make it clear that assessments of the impact of individual applications on the Welsh language in specific circumstances need to be carried out.

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the National Development Framework contains a clear statement on the importance and relevance of the Welsh language when planning how to use land.

Calls on the Welsh Government to create a separate Planning Inspectorate for Wales, so that the inspectorate can develop its expertise in a Wales-only planning system.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	29	55

**Amendment 3 was not agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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2. Believes the town and country planning system needs adaptation to make more holistic decisions on the built environment which maximises well-being goals and increases the supply of land for housing.
3. Recognises the need for a strong national placemaking framework to give guidance to planning authorities and others to shape and make good places.
4. Recognises the role of built environment professionals to deliver placemaking and calls on local authorities to effectively resource planning departments.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	1	9	55

**The motion as amended was agreed.**

## **8 Voting Time**

The item started at 19.29

The meeting concluded at 19.31

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 16 May 2018**