

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – The Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 13 June 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–5, 7 and 8 were asked. Question 6 was withdrawn. Question 3 was answered by the Minister for Environment. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary and the Minister for Environment after question 2.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

The item started at 14.18

The first 7 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.12

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services

[Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#): What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the implications for former Welsh Miners and their families and communities in Wales of



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the Scottish Government's decision to hold an independent enquiry on the impact of policing during the miners' strike?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.17

Ann Jones made a statement on Grenfell remembered.

Jane Hutt made a statement on Water fountains campaign in Barry.

Motion to elect Members to the Assembly Commission (5 mins)

The item started at 15.20

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

NDM6744 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 7.9, appoints Neil Hamilton (United Kingdom Independence Party) as a member of the Assembly Commission in place of Caroline Jones (United Kingdom Independence Party).

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	3	31	51

The motion was not agreed.

5 Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee report: Life on the streets: preventing and tackling rough sleeping in Wales

The item started at 15.25

NDM6736 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee, 'Life on the streets: preventing and tackling rough sleeping in Wales', which was laid in the Table Office on 20 April 2018.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 6 June 2018

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Carers

The item started at 16.18

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6738 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that 11 – 17 June is Carers Week 2018.
2. Recognises the vital contribution made to Welsh society by the roles undertaken by Wales's estimated 370,000 unpaid carers of all ages.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement the Welsh Conservative policy for a young carers future grant, which would ensure young carers are supported to pursue further and higher full time education and training opportunities.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish figures for how many carers' needs have been assessed since the introduction of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and how many of those assessed needs have been met.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a right to respite for both carers and those they care for.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	35	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Acknowledges that the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 gives carers a right to have their own needs as a carer assessed and for assessed and eligible needs to be met by local authorities.

Welcomes the Welsh Government's national priorities for carers and the formation of a Ministerial Advisory Group on Carers to ensure the implementation of the Social Services and Well-being Act makes a real difference in the lives of carers in Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	25	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As Amendment 1 was agreed, Amendment 2 was de-selected.

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

Insert as new point after point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that the labour market for young people, with the proliferation of zero hour contracts and unpaid internships as part of career pathways, creates barriers for young carers who wish to pursue paid employment and careers alongside caring responsibilities.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	38	52

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises that unpaid carers of all ages save the NHS and social services in Wales over £8bn per year, yet a vast majority of carers feel their contribution is not valued or understood

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
48	0	4	52

Amendment 4 was agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to set milestones for the young carers advisory group and provide regular updates to Assembly Members on their progress.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	27	52

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure consistency across all parts of Wales in the roll-out of a young carers' card, which should include access to discounted transport.

A vote was taken on amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	11	52

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to clarify how much of the proposed £3 million funding for carers' respite will be allocated to young carers.

A vote was taken on amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	27	52

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

Amendment 8 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure all pharmacies are implementing the guidance on allowing young carers to pick up prescription medication on behalf of those they care for.

A vote was taken on amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 8 was agreed.

Amendment 9 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure young carers receive appropriate training in the administering of medication for those they care for.

A vote was taken on amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	11	0	52

Amendment 9 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that 11 – 17 June is Carers Week 2018.
2. Recognises the vital contribution made to Welsh society by the roles undertaken by Wales's estimated 370,000 unpaid carers of all ages.
3. Recognises that unpaid carers of all ages save the NHS and social services in Wales over £8bn per year, yet a vast majority of carers feel their contribution is not valued or understood
4. Acknowledges that the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 gives carers a right to have their own needs as a carer assessed and for assessed and eligible needs to be met by local authorities.
5. Welcomes the Welsh Government's national priorities for carers and the formation of a Ministerial Advisory Group on Carers to ensure the implementation of the Social Services and Well-being Act makes a real difference in the lives of carers in Wales.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure consistency across all parts of Wales in the roll-out of a young carers' card, which should include access to discounted transport.
7. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure all pharmacies are implementing the guidance on allowing young carers to pick up prescription medication on behalf of those they care for.
8. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure young carers receive appropriate training in the administering of medication for those they care for.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	11	14	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Plaid Cymru debate – School Funding

The item started at 17.22

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6739 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the funding crisis in Welsh schools.
2. Notes its impact on teacher workloads, staff morale and availability of school resources which, in turn, has a detrimental impact on children's education.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) bring together key stakeholders in the education system to consider alternative funding models for schools;
 - b) maximise transparency and minimise bureaucracy in school funding; and
 - c) ensure that all schools have sufficient funding to deliver a high quality education

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	43	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

Notes that to support schools and raise standards the Welsh Government is

- a) providing an additional £36 m to reduce infant class sizes;
- b) supporting the creation of new school business managers to reduce unnecessary workload and allowing heads to focus on school standards;
- c) working with the profession to reduce classroom bureaucracy as well as boosting professional learning;
- d) proposing to use the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions as an opportunity to elevate the status of the teaching profession; and

e) investing over £90m in the Pupil Development Grant to support Wales' most disadvantaged learners.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	25	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Notes that the agreement between the Welsh Government and the UK Government on the Welsh Government's fiscal framework delivers around £1.20 of funding for Wales for every £1 spent on education in England.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	35	52

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

As Amendment 1 was agreed, Amendment 3 was de-selected.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

Notes that to support schools and raise standards the Welsh Government is

- a) providing an additional £36 m to reduce infant class sizes;
- b) supporting the creation of new school business managers to reduce unnecessary workload and allowing heads to focus on school standards;
- c) working with the profession to reduce classroom bureaucracy as well as boosting professional learning;
- d) proposing to use the devolution of teachers' pay and conditions as an opportunity to elevate the status of the teaching profession; and

e) investing over £90m in the Pupil Development Grant to support Wales' most disadvantaged learners.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	24	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.16

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9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.22

NDM6737 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Assembly Member job-sharing: Would allowing Assembly Members to job share lead to the creation of a gender-balanced Assembly and one that is more representative of the population.

The meeting concluded at 18.48

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 19 June 2018