

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 27 November 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer has received notification, under Standing Order 12.58, that the Leader of the House and Chief Whip will answer questions on behalf of the First Minister.

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 Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services: Update on the Our Valleys, Our Future Delivery Plan

(30 mins)

4 Statement by the Leader of the House and Chief Whip: Update on Implementation of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act

(30 mins)



5 Debate: "A National Contemporary Art Gallery Wales Feasibility Study" and "A Sport Museum for Wales Feasibility Study"

(60 mins)

NDM6873 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the publication of the feasibility studies on a "National Contemporary Art Gallery Wales Feasibility Study" and "A Sport Museum for Wales Feasibility Study".
2. Welcomes the analysis and recommendations in both reports, together with the opportunities and challenges they present.
3. Recognises that further work is required before decisions on future action is taken.

[Sports Museum for Wales Feasibility Study](#)

[National Contemporary Art Gallery Feasibility Study](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Deletes points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Acknowledges the value of the analysis provided in the two reports as a basis for extensive public engagement.

Welcomes the recommendations for expert panels to improve the recognition and protection of Wales's sporting and artistic heritage.

Believes that decisions on future action must reflect the ambition to create something fresh and world leading.

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

Insert as new point after point 2:

Welcomes the recommendation that a National Football Museum should be established in Wrexham.

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

Insert as new point after point 2:

Calls on the Welsh Government to commit to implementing the core recommendations of the report, 'National Contemporary Art Gallery Wales – Feasibility Study', in their entirety, including building a permanent national headquarters for the National Contemporary Art Gallery Wales.

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

Add as new point after point 3:

Welcomes the recommendation that the building of a permanent national headquarters for the National Contemporary Art Gallery Wales should be worked towards.

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

Add as new point after point 3:

Calls on the Welsh Government to commit to implementing the central recommendation of the report, 'Sports Museum for Wales – Feasibility Study', that a national football museum should be created in Wrexham.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Local Authorities

(60 mins)

NDM6875 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the important role played by local authorities in delivering public services across Wales.
2. Acknowledges the funding challenges currently faced by Welsh local authorities.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) review and increase the 2019–20 local government settlement; and
 - b) commission an independent review of the Welsh local government funding formula.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all after 2 and replace with:

Welcomes the package of additional funding proposals for local government to improve the revenue support grant in 2019–20, to address pressures, as we enter the ninth year of UK Government austerity.

Notes that the announcement is supported by the WLGA as significant progress that demonstrates a concerted effort to offset the impact of austerity in Wales

Notes the local government settlement is distributed on a formula using nearly 70 distinct indicators, agreed with local government, overseen by independent experts, and based on the principles of relative need to spend and relative ability to raise income locally.

[Written Statement – Draft Budget 2019–20 – Proposals for additional funding for local authorities](#)

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

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

Add as new point after point 2:

Regrets that recently announced additional funding from the Welsh Government to local government in Wales was only forthcoming as a result of consequential funding from the UK Government's autumn statement.

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

Add as new sub-point at end of point 3:

continue to seek ways to provide further funding for local government in Wales for 2019/20.

7 Plaid Cymru debate – Poverty

(60 mins)

NDM6874 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the statement by the United Nations special rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights on his visit to the United Kingdom.

2. Regrets the report's findings that:

a) changes to social security have disproportionately hit women, children, and disabled people;

b) Wales has the highest relative poverty rate in the United Kingdom;

c) the Welsh Government lacks a strategic focus on tackling poverty, without clear performance targets and indicators to measure progress and impact;

d) the Welsh Government's inability to introduce flexibilities in the administration of universal credit, unlike its Scottish counterpart, will exacerbate the structural causes behind the increase in poverty, rough sleeping, and homelessness; and

e) that poverty is a political choice

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) seek the powers to introduce such flexibilities in the administration of universal credit; and

b) publish a robust and meaningful plan to tackle poverty that contains clear performance targets and indicators to measure progress and impact.

[Statement on Visit to the United Kingdom, by Professor Philip Alston, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the actions taken by the UK Government to address concerns over implementation of universal credit.

2. Notes that, according to findings of the Equality and Human Rights Commission report 'Is Wales Fairer?', poverty and deprivation are higher in Wales

than in other nations in Britain, Wales is the least productive nation in the UK, and median hourly earnings in Wales are lower than in England and Scotland.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a robust and meaningful plan to tackle poverty that contains clear performance targets and indicators to measure progress and impact.

[Equality and Human Rights Commission – 'Is Wales Fairer?'](#)

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Accepts the report's findings that:

- a) the costs of austerity have fallen disproportionately on the poor, women, racial and ethnic minorities, children, single parents and disabled people;
- b) Wales has the highest relative poverty rate in the United Kingdom;
- c) devolved administrations have tried to mitigate the worst impacts of austerity despite experiencing significant reductions in block grant funding; and
- d) it is "outrageous" that devolved nations have to spend money to shield people from UK Government policies.

Welcomes the Welsh Government's focus on tackling poverty, and its repeated calls to the UK Government to urgently address the many flaws related to Universal Credit.

8 Voting Time

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 28 November 2018