

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

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Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

In accordance with Standing Order 12.58 the Leader of the House answered questions on behalf of the First Minister.

Questions 1–3 and 5–8 were asked. Question 4 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the Leader of the House after question 2.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.15

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

The item started at 14.37

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

The item started at 15.14



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

The item started at 15.51

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

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.

The following amendments were 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.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	0	36	48

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

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.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	0	47

Amendment 2 was agreed.

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.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	10	28	48

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

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.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	10	0	48

Amendment 4 was agreed.

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.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	0	28	48

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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.
4. Welcomes the recommendation that a National Football Museum should be established in Wrexham.
5. Welcomes the recommendation that the building of a permanent national headquarters for the National Contemporary Art Gallery Wales should be worked towards.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	10	1	48

The motion as amended was agreed.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Local Authorities

The item started at 16.30

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

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.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	35	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were 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.

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

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	19	48

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
47	0	1	48

Amendment 2 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 3 was de-selected

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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
6. 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.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	1	13	48

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Plaid Cymru debate – Poverty

The item started at 17.36

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

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.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
8	2	38	48

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were 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.

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

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	2	36	48

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

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.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	20	48

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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. 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.
3. 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.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	2	18	48

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.37

The meeting concluded at 18.44

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