

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

**Y Siambr – Senedd**

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 12 December 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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### Nomination of First Minister under Standing Order 8

The item started at 13.30.

The Llywydd invited nominations for the appointment of First Minister in accordance with Standing Order 8.2.

Carwyn Jones nominated Mark Drakeford

Janet Finch–Saunders nominated Paul Davies

Rhun ap Iorwerth nominated Adam Price

As there were three nominations, a vote was conducted by roll call. The Presiding Officer invited each Member present to vote for a candidate. Members were called in alphabetical order. In accordance with Standing Order 8.2, neither the Presiding Officer nor the Deputy Presiding Officer were permitted to vote.

The results of the roll call were as follows:

Mark Drakeford	Adam Price	Paul Davies	Abstentions	Total
30	9	12	5	56

[see vote summary for full result]



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As Mark Drakeford received over half of the votes cast the Llywydd declared that he is nominated for the appointment as First Minister of the Assembly, and that in accordance with Section 47(4) of the Government of Wales Act she would recommend to Her Majesty the appointment of Mark Drakeford as First Minister. The Llywydd invited Mark Drakeford to address the Assembly.

## **1 Questions to the Assembly Commission**

The item started at 13.46

The one question was asked.

## **2 Topical Questions**

The item started at 13.52

### **To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services**

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the public sector contract currently awarded to Interserve to undergo building works at the Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr Tydfil?

## **3 90 Second Statements**

The item started at 14.02

**Elin Jones** made a statement on Millicent Mackenzie – the first woman in Wales to stand for election to Westminster in the December 14th 1918 General Election.

**Llyr Gruffydd** made a statement on Recognising Llangollen as the first community in North Wales to secure its status as a non-plastic community.

**Dai Lloyd** made a statement on Llywelyn the last.

## **4 Debate: International Human Rights Day**

The item started at 14.07

**NDM6896 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

To propose the National Assembly of Wales:

1. Acknowledges International Human Rights Day on Monday 10 December 2018.

2. Recognises the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the growth of political movements that reject the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that its work on tackling extremism includes proactive measures to prevent far right-extremism.

**Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

**Amendment 2 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Add as new points at end of motion:

Notes that the UK Government recognises that all rights set out in the UN Declaration of Human Rights are of equal importance.

Welcomes the action taken by the UK Government in prioritising tackling modern day slavery, defending freedom of religion or belief, ending inequality and discrimination, and promoting democracy.

**Voting on the motion and the remaining amendment under this item were deferred until voting time.**

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	9	54

**Amendment 2 was agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM6896 [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

**To propose the National Assembly of Wales:**

1. Acknowledges International Human Rights Day on Monday 10 December 2018.
2. Recognises the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
3. Regrets the growth of political movements that reject the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that its work on tackling extremism includes proactive measures to prevent far right-extremism.
4. Notes that the UK Government recognises that all rights set out in the UN Declaration of Human Rights are of equal importance.
5. Welcomes the action taken by the UK Government in prioritising tackling modern day slavery, defending freedom of religion or belief, ending inequality and discrimination, and promoting democracy.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	2	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 5 Debate: Stage 4 of the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill

The item started at 14.58

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

NDM6899 [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.47:

Approves the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	24	54

The motion was agreed.

## Voting Time (Government Business)

The item started at 15.16

### 6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – Waste Prevention and Recycling

The item started at 15.18

#### NDM6893 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on waste prevention and recycling.
2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:
  - a) prevent waste through placing recycling requirements on food producers and retailers in respect of packaging and packaging waste; and
  - b) introduce extended producer responsibilities to ensure that the costs of recycling and waste management are shared equitably, with producers contributing to the financial cost of treatment at the end of their product's life.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

### 7 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Living Wage

The item started at 15.47

#### NDM6860 [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Notes the report by Cardiff Business School, 'The Living Wage Employer Experience'.
2. Welcomes the action taken by 174 employers across the public, private and third sectors in Wales to pay their employees the real living wage.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) identify measures to support more employers in the public, private and third sectors to adopt the real living wage and become accredited real living wage employers; and

b) consider strengthening the Code of Practice on Ethical Employment in Supply Chains in relation to the real living wage.

### **Supporters**

[David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)

[Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#)

[Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)

[Helen Mary Jones \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

[Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

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

[Julie Morgan \(Cardiff North\)](#)

[Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

[Mick Antonow \(Pontypridd\)](#)

[Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

[Rhianon Passmore Islwyn\)](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **8 United Kingdom Independence Party Debate – Sewer Blockage**

The item started at 16.33

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM6898** [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of Water UK 'Wipes in Sewer Blockage Study'.
2. Regrets that, across Wales, there are around 2,000 sewer blockages every month, many of which are caused by people flushing consumable items like cotton buds and wet wipes down the toilet.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to widen work on extended producer responsibility beyond food and drink to include consumable items such as wet wipes and cotton buds.

4. Calls on the UK Government to legislate for regulatory testing of products such as wet wipes and cotton buds; and if such products fail the new Water industry flushability test, producers must package those products with a clear, bold and prominent 'do not flush' logo.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	35	50

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the Welsh Government's work with water companies to explore options to address the problem of consumable items causing blockages when flushed down the toilet.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	11	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work with Dŵr Cymru and other agencies to improve public awareness in terms of consumable materials in order to reduce blockages in the sewerage system.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	0	50

Amendment 2 was agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to explore the possibilities of using new taxes to reduce the use of consumable materials.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	11	4	50

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

**NDM6898 [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of Water UK 'Wipes in Sewer Blockage Study'.
2. Regrets that, across Wales, there are around 2,000 sewer blockages every month, many of which are caused by people flushing consumable items like cotton buds and wet wipes down the toilet.
3. Notes the Welsh Government's work with water companies to explore options to address the problem of consumable items causing blockages when flushed down the toilet.
4. Calls on the UK Government to legislate for regulatory testing of products such as wet wipes and cotton buds; and if such products fail the new Water industry flushability test, producers must package those products with a clear, bold and prominent 'do not flush' logo.



5. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with Dŵr Cymru and other agencies to improve public awareness in terms of consumable materials in order to reduce blockages in the sewerage system.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to explore the possibilities of using new taxes to reduce the use of consumable materials.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	4	0	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Voting Time – Assembly Business

The item started at 17.02

## 10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.05

**NDM6897 [Andrew R.T. Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

Lucy's Law: the campaign to improve animal welfare by banning the sale and breeding of puppies and kittens by pet shops and all commercial third party dealers.

The meeting concluded at 17.23

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 8 January 2019**