

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

**Y Siambr – Senedd**

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 May 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the Minister for Economy and Transport

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 3 and 5 – 9 were asked. Question 4 was withdrawn. Question 6 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 2 Questions to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister (in respect of his Brexit Minister responsibilities)

The item started at 14.21

Questions 1 – 6 and 8 were asked. Question 7 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted.

### 4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.02

**Sian Gwenllian** made a statement on Robin Llywelyn Williams a young man from Arfon who passed away aged 26 years after a three and a half year fight against cancer.

Llywelyn or “Llew” was an activist within his community. He worked as a Councillor,



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local committees, a governor at Llanrug Primary School and a main player in local Brass Bands and Dyffryn Peris choir.

**Jayne Bryant** made a statement on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tredegar House Folk Festival taking place this weekend.

## **Committee Membership (5 mins)**

The item started at 15.06

### **NDM7049 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 17.3, removes Gareth Bennett (United Kingdom Independence Party) as a Member of the Standards of Conduct Committee.

**The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.**

## **5 Welsh Conservatives debate – Esports**

The item started at 15.07

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

### **NDM7044 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the growing impact that the esports industry is having on local economies around the world, such as the 2017 tournaments in Valencia and Cologne which attracted between 15,000 – 40,000 attendees.
2. Notes that the UK Government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport are undertaking an inquiry to explore the potential for esports in the UK, among other technology trends.
3. Welcomes the recommendations of the UK Government commissioned Bazalgette Review into the Creative Industries, which outlines recommendations for how the esports sector can underpin the UK's future economic growth, by:
  - a) raising the status of esports with government sponsored competitions, national teams, and media coverage; and

b) increasing the UK Government's investment by an extra £23.7 million over five years to extend the highly successful and innovative UK Games Fund and Transfuzer development programmes.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) examine the potential economic benefits of the esports industry in Wales;

b) consult with suitable stakeholders to organise and host an international esports competition in Wales;

c) report on progress to the Assembly no later than 1 October 2019.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	30	54

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the significant investments made by the Welsh Government and its partners in recent years that has helped establish a thriving Creative Industries sector in Wales.

Notes the Welsh Government's intention to take a cross government approach to grow the esports industry in Wales, acknowledging that the Creative Industries Sector is a driving force for its continued success.

Calls on the UK Government to ensure that additional funding for creative industries is made available to Wales and other devolved administrations to exploit new opportunities in the creative economy.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	24	54

**Amendment 1 was agreed.**

**A vote was taken on the motion as amended:**

**NDM7044 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

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2. Notes that the UK Government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport are undertaking an inquiry to explore the potential for esports in the UK, among other technology trends.
3. Welcomes the recommendations of the UK Government commissioned Bazalgette Review into the Creative Industries, which outlines recommendations for how the esports sector can underpin the UK's future economic growth, by:
  - a) raising the status of esports with government sponsored competitions, national teams, and media coverage; and
  - b) increasing the UK Government's investment by an extra £23.7 million over five years to extend the highly successful and innovative UK Games Fund and Transfuzer development programmes.
4. Notes the significant investments made by the Welsh Government and its partners in recent years that has helped establish a thriving Creative Industries sector in Wales.
5. Notes the Welsh Government's intention to take a cross government approach to grow the esports industry in Wales, acknowledging that the Creative Industries Sector is a driving force for its continued success.
6. Calls on the UK Government to ensure that additional funding for creative industries is made available to Wales and other devolved administrations to exploit new opportunities in the creative economy.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	1	1	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 6 Plaid Cymru debate – Health Boards

The item started at 15.54

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM7046 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the publication of the Review of Maternity Services at Cwm Taf Health Board report on 30 April 2019.
2. Notes that major concerns about quality of care and governance of health boards has also been highlighted in the following reports:
  - a) Trusted to Care: An independent Review of the Princess of Wales Hospital and Neath Port Talbot Hospital at Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, 2014;
  - b) Donna Ockenden External Investigation into concerns raised regarding the care and treatment of patients at Tawel Fan ward, 2014; and
  - c) Donna Ockenden Review of the Governance Arrangements relating to the care of patients on Tawel Fan ward, 2018.
3. No longer has confidence in the current Minister for Health and Social Services in the Welsh Government to address the systemic failings raised in these, and other reports.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	31	54

**The motion without amendment was not agreed.**

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Accepts the recommendations of the report and recognises the distress and trauma caused to families;

Notes the actions being taken to secure immediate and sustained improvement in maternity services in the former Cwm Taf Health Board; and

Notes the actions being taken to identify and address any wider governance issues within Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board and across the Welsh NHS.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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30	0	24	54
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Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7046 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the publication of the Review of Maternity Services at Cwm Taf Health Board report on 30 April 2019.
2. Accepts the recommendations of the report and recognises the distress and trauma caused to families;
3. Notes the actions being taken to secure immediate and sustained improvement in maternity services in the former Cwm Taf Health Board; and
4. Notes the actions being taken to identify and address any wider governance issues within Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board and across the Welsh NHS.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	1	12	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 7 Plaid Cymru debate – TATA Steel and ThyssenKrupp Merger – Withdrawn

The item was withdrawn.

## 8 United Kingdom Independence Party debate – Home Working

The item started at 16.59

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7045 [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that National Work Wise Week takes place from Sunday 12 May to Saturday 18 May 2019.

2. Believes that home working provides more flexibility for family responsibilities, and also has wider benefits, such as less traffic and pollution, more accessible work for disabled people, and keeping premises costs down for businesses.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that all public bodies in Wales have a duty to include home working in job design and recruitment.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a specific strategy for home working within the successor project to Superfast Cymru, to ensure that people who wish to work from home are not impeded by a lack of broadband access.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	0	50	54

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1** – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

In point 4, delete:

“to develop a specific strategy for home working within the successor project to Superfast Cymru,”

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	8	15	53

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that Professor Sharon Clarke and Dr Lyn Holdsworth of Manchester Business School have stated that flexible workers, and particularly home workers, face “the potential for occupational stress to be increased as a result of work intensification, conflicts with co-workers, and disrupted information flow” and acknowledges the need for these issues to be factored into future policy making.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	1	8	54

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7045 [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that National Work Wise Week takes place from Sunday 12 May to Saturday 18 May 2019.
2. Believes that home working provides more flexibility for family responsibilities, and also has wider benefits, such as less traffic and pollution, more accessible work for disabled people, and keeping premises costs down for businesses.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that all public bodies in Wales have a duty to include home working in job design and recruitment.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that people who wish to work from home are not impeded by a lack of broadband access.
5. Notes that Professor Sharon Clarke and Dr Lyn Holdsworth of Manchester Business School have stated that flexible workers, and particularly home workers, face “the potential for occupational stress to be increased as a result of work intensification, conflicts with co-workers, and disrupted information flow” and acknowledges the need for these issues to be factored into future policy making.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	10	1	54

The motion as amended was agreed.

## 9 Voting Time

The item started at 17.29

## 10 Short Debate

The item started at 17.34

NDM7040 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)



The battle for better broadband

The meeting concluded at 17.59

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 May 2019**