Plenary

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 6 December 2011

Meeting time: 13:00

Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru National Assembly for Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(34)

1. Ouestions to the First Minister

All 15 questions were asked. Question 7 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

13.57

2. Business Statement and Announcement

14.06

3. Motion to approve The Carers Strategies (Wales) Regulations 2011 NDM4868 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Carers Strategies (Wales) Regulations 2011

is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 15 November 2011.

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

14.13

4. Motion to approve the Planning Permission (Withdrawal of Development Order or Local Development Order) (Compensation) (Wales) Order 2012 NDM4869 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Planning Permission (Withdrawal of Development Order or Local Development Order) (Compensation) (Wales) Order 2012 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 15 November 2011.

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

14.15

5. Motion to approve the Mental Health (Care Co-ordination and Care and Treatment Planning) (Wales) Regulations 2011 NDM4867 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Mental Health (Care Co-ordination and Care and Treatment Planning) (Wales) Regulations 2011 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 8 November 2011.

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

14.26

6. Motion to approve the Red Meat Industry (Wales) Measure 2010 (Amendment) Order 2011

NDM4866 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

Approves that the draft The Red Meat Industry (Wales) Measure 2010 (Amendment) Order 2011 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 8 November 2011.

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

14.30

7. Debate on the Annual/Final Budget NDM4870 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.25:

Approves the Annual Budget for the financial year 2012-2013 laid in the Table Office by the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House on 29 November 2011.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20.28, the Annual Budget comprises the following information:

- 1. the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act;
- 2. the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;

- 3. a reconciliation between the resources allocated to the Welsh block budget by the Treasury and the resources to be authorised for use in the motion;
- 4. a reconciliation between the estimated amounts to be paid into the Welsh Consolidated Fund by the Secretary of State and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Fund in the motion; and
- 5. a reconciliation between the resources to be authorised under section 125(1)(a) and (b) of the Act and the amounts to be authorised for payment out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund under section 125(1)(c).

The following additional information has been made available to Members:

An explanatory note on changes between Draft Budget proposals and the Annual Budget.

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

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
34	0	22	56

The motion was agreed.

15.58

8. Debate on Public Health Challenges - Tobacco Control NDM4871 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Considers the draft Tobacco Control Action Plan for Wales:
- 2. Notes its aims to:
- a) reduce the harm to public health caused by smoking in Wales, in particular protecting children from the harmful effects of tobacco; and
- b) reduce smoking prevalence amongst our most deprived communities as it is a leading cause for the gap in life expectancy between rich and poor; and
- 3. Notes that the Welsh Government will consider bringing forward legislation, if evidence shows the campaign to reduce smoking in cars carrying minors fails to achieve a significant reduction in exposure to second hand smoke.

The draft Tobacco Control Action Plan for Wales was emailed to Members on 29th November 2011.

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

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 3 delete 'Notes that the Welsh Government will consider bringing forward legislation' and replace with 'Calls on the Welsh Government to introduce legislation in this Assembly term'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	2	42	55

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Welsh Government should focus its attention on improving the takeup of smoking cessation schemes in order to reduce the harm to public health caused by smoking.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	1	12	55

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4871 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

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- 1. Considers the draft Tobacco Control Action Plan for Wales;
- 2. Notes its aims to:
- a) reduce the harm to public health caused by smoking in Wales, in particular protecting children from the harmful effects of tobacco; and
- b) reduce smoking prevalence amongst our most deprived communities as it is a leading cause for the gap in life expectancy between rich and poor; and
- 3. Notes that the Welsh Government will consider bringing forward legislation, if evidence shows the campaign to reduce smoking in cars carrying minors fails to achieve a significant reduction in exposure to second hand smoke.
- 4. Believes that the Welsh Government should focus its attention on improving the take-up of smoking cessation schemes in order to reduce the harm to public health caused by smoking.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	1	2	56

The motion as amended was agreed

9. Plaid Cymru Debate

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4872 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

- 1. Regrets the rise in excess winter deaths due to increased fuel poverty.
- 2. Urges the Welsh Government to use all the powers at its disposal this winter to minimise winter deaths.
- 3. Calls on the Welsh government to revise its fuel poverty strategy in light of recent energy price rises, focusing on:
- a. Retro-fitting of the Welsh housing stock; and
- b. Tackling energy insecurity through investment in renewable energy, and investment in developing the 'green skills' of the Welsh construction sector, as laid out in a recent paper 'Skills for Eco-Refurbishment'.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
50	0	6	56

The motion without amendment was agreed.

17.43 Voting Time

The meeting concluded at 17.45.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 12:30 on Wednesday, 7 December 2011