

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 3 March 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

The Deputy Minister and Chief Whip answered questions for the last 15 minutes of this session on matters relating to her responsibilities.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.48

3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Update – POSTPONED

4 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Coronavirus (COVID-2019) update

The item started at 14.59

5 The Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments to Farmers) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020

The item started at 15.57

NDM7279 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)



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

1. Approves that the draft The Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments to Farmers) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 February 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate: Welsh Rates of Income Tax 2020–2021

The item started at 16.03

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

NDM7285 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with section 116D of the Government of Wales Act 2006, agrees the Welsh rate resolution for the 2020–21 Welsh rates of income tax as follows:

- a) the proposed Welsh rate for the basic rate of income tax is 10p;
- b) the proposed Welsh rate for the higher rate of income tax is 10p;
- c) the proposed Welsh rate for the additional rate of income tax is 10p.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	6	1	50

The motion was agreed.

7 Debate: The Final Budget 2020–2021

The item started at 16.16

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

NDM7282 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Standing Order 20.25, approves the Annual Budget for the financial year 2020–21 [laid](#) in the Table Office by the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd on 25 February 2020.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	1	22	50

The motion was agreed.

8 Debate: The Local Government Settlement 2020–2021

The item started at 17.09

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

NDM7283 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with Section 84H of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, approves the Local Government Finance Report (No. 1) 2020–21 (Final Settlement – Councils), which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 25 February 2020.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	4	19	50

The motion was agreed.

9 Debate: The Second Supplementary Budget 2019–20

The item started at 17.45

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

NDM7284 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30, approves the Second Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2019–20 laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on Tuesday 4 February 2020.

Footnote:

In accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Government of Wales Act 2006 and Standing Order 20, the Supplementary Budget comprises the following information:

- (i) the written statement required under section 125(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006;
- (ii) the resources agreed by the Treasury for the Welsh block budget for the financial year covered by the motion;
- (iii) 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;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) 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); and
- (vi) details of any revisions to the information provided in accordance with Standing Orders 20.7 – 20.7B for the draft budget, as specified in the protocol agreed under the Standing Order 20.1A

The following additional information has been made available to Members:

- a note explaining the main changes from previous plans.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add new point at end of motion:

In accordance with Standing Order 20.37, agrees that the accruing resources to be retained by the Wales Audit Office under Part 3 of Schedule 4 of the Supplementary Budget Motion on page 23 and the Summary of Resource and Capital Requirements for Direct Funded Bodies on page 6, is revised from £14,825,000 to £14,775,000, as reflected in the Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Wales Audit Office to the Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on 6 February 2020; and further agrees the corresponding adjustment to Schedule 7 on page 30 so that Payments from Other Sources is increased by £50,000 and Amounts Authorised to be Retained by Welsh Ministers and Direct Funded Bodies is decreased by £50,000.

[Explanatory Memorandum to the Finance Committee Regarding the Variation of the Estimate of the Wales Audit Office for the Year Ending 31 March 2020](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	16	3	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7284 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

1. To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 20.30, approves the Second Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2019–20 laid in the Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on Tuesday 4 February 2020.

2. In accordance with Standing Order 20.37, agrees that the accruing resources to be retained by the Wales Audit Office under Part 3 of Schedule 4 of the Supplementary Budget Motion on page 23 and the Summary of Resource and Capital Requirements for Direct Funded Bodies on page 6, is revised from £14,825,000 to £14,775,000, as reflected in the Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Wales Audit Office to the Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on 6 February 2020; and further agrees the corresponding adjustment to Schedule 7 on page 30 so that Payments from Other Sources is increased by £50,000 and Amounts Authorised to be Retained by Welsh Ministers and Direct Funded Bodies is decreased by £50,000.

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- (v) 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); and
- (vi) details of any revisions to the information provided in accordance with Standing Orders 20.7 – 20.7B for the draft budget, as specified in the protocol agreed under the Standing Order 20.1A

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	20	3	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

10 Debate: Progress on Tackling Hate Crime

The item started at 17.56

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

NDM7281 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Agrees there is no place for hate crime in Wales.
2. Notes the efforts of the Welsh Government and partners to tackle hate crime by increasing the confidence of victims to come forward, improving the way hate crime is recorded and working with communities to prevent hate crime in future.
3. Supports the work of the Welsh Government and partners to ensure victims receive dedicated advice and care.
4. Recognises that tackling hate crime remains a high priority for the Welsh Government.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the UK Government’s hate crime action plan which applies to England and Wales.

UK Government – Action Against Hate: The UK Government’s plan for tackling hate crime – ‘two years on’

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
49	0	1	50

Amendment 1 was agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets the 17 per cent increase in recorded hate crimes across Wales last year, compared to an overall 10 per cent increase across the whole of England and Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
42	7	1	50

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that preventing hate crime is a key strategic driver in the planning and creation of a Welsh justice system.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	4	11	50

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7281 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

1. Agrees there is no place for hate crime in Wales.
2. Notes the efforts of the Welsh Government and partners to tackle hate crime by increasing the confidence of victims to come forward, improving the way hate crime is recorded and working with communities to prevent hate crime in future.
3. Supports the work of the Welsh Government and partners to ensure victims receive dedicated advice and care.
4. Recognises that tackling hate crime remains a high priority for the Welsh Government.
5. Notes the UK Government's hate crime action plan which applies to England and Wales.

6. Regrets the 17 per cent increase in recorded hate crimes across Wales last year, compared to an overall 10 per cent increase across the whole of England and Wales.

7. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that preventing hate crime is a key strategic driver in the planning and creation of a Welsh justice system.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	4	9	50

The motion as amended was agreed.

11 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.44, the bell was rung and the meeting suspended and reconvened at 18.41 for voting time.

The item started at 18.41

The meeting concluded at 18.45

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 4 March 2020