

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 July 2020

Meeting time: 11.00

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

Having consulted with the Business Committee, the Llywydd determined that in accordance with Standing Order 34.14A–D, Members will be able to vote from any location by electronic means.

The Llywydd also gave notice, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public have been excluded from attending this Plenary meeting, as is required to protect public health. The meeting will continue to be broadcast live and the record of proceedings will be published as usual.

Statements on Srebrenica

The item started at 11.02

The Llywydd, First Minister and David Melding made statements on Srebrenica



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Statement by the Llywydd

The item started at 11.08

The Llywydd welcomed Laura Anne Jones, the new Member for the South Wales East region, and invited her to say a few words.

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 11.12

Questions 1–3 and 5–7 were asked. Question 4 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 12.07

3 Questions to the Minister for Education

The item started at 12.23

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

At 13.14, the meeting was suspended until 14.01.

4 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 14.01

Questions 1–4 and 6–9 were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn. Questions 6 and 8 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

5 Topical Questions

The item started at 14.48

To be answered by the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

Sian Gwenllian (Arfon): Will the Minister provide an update on the support that will be available to the arts in Wales after the UK Government announced a package to support the sector to cope with the effects of Covid-19?

To be answered by the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

Carwyn Jones (Bridgend): Will the First Minister make a statement following reports that Ineos is reconsidering its decision to build a new plant in Bridgend?

6 Statement by the Minister for Education: The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill

The item started at 15.13

7 Statement by the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: The future of agriculture support

The item started at 16.09

8 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee report – The impact of Covid-19 on Sport

The item started at 16.50

NDM7344 [Helen Mary Jones \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee on the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on sport [laid](#) in the Table Office on 30 June 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

At 17.23 there was a technical break, proceedings reconvened at 17.25.

9 Debate on Petitions Committee – Petition P-05-967 Welsh Government to amend its NDR relief policy to help keep Debenhams stores open in Wales

The item started at 17.35

NDM7343 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition 'P-05-967 Welsh Government to amend its NDR relief policy to help keep Debenhams stores open in Wales' which received 5,790 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Covid-19 and Transport

The item started at 17.52

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7345 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Welcomes the recent relaxation of coronavirus restrictions on travel.
2. Acknowledges the adverse impact of the previous travel restrictions on personal relationships, people's mental health and wellbeing, and retailers.
3. Regrets the failure of the Welsh Government to provide adequate support for Welsh bus operators during the coronavirus pandemic.
4. Expresses disappointment that the Welsh Government has discouraged airlines from flying from Cardiff Airport.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) rule out the introduction of quarantine requirements for residents travelling to Wales from within the Common Travel Area;

b) urgently review and increase the support available to bus operators in Wales to enable them to increase the frequency and capacity of bus services for the people of Wales;

c) promote the establishment of new routes from Cardiff Airport to safe destinations around the globe to help it bounce back from the coronavirus pandemic.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
16	0	39	55

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that while transmission of Coronavirus in the community has reduced owing to the measures put in place, the virus has not gone away, which warrants the Welsh Government's prudent approach to balancing public health risks against economic, social and other risks, including travel.

2. Recognises the significant pressure Coronavirus has put on Welsh Government finances and that without additional flexibilities from the UK Government, increased investment in one area, such as health, business support or transport, means less funding available for other areas.

3. Welcomes the significant package of emergency support put in place by the Welsh Government to rescue bus and rail transport operators in Wales during the pandemic.

4. Recognises the important role Cardiff Airport has played during the crisis, helping bring in vital PPE supplies to Wales.

5. Notes the Welsh Government's work:

a) with other devolved governments to explore a four nation approach to lifting international travel restrictions;

b) with bus operators and local authorities to explore the appropriate increase of services and put the industry and its management on a sustainable footing for the future; and

c) with Cardiff Airport to explore new routes and secure its future as part of an integrated public transport system across Wales, despite ongoing resistance from the UK Government in what is largely a reserved policy area to create a level playing field for regional airports.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	0	26	55

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As Amendment 1 was agreed amendments 2 and 3 were de-selected

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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2. Recognises the significant pressure Coronavirus has put on Welsh Government finances and that without additional flexibilities from the UK Government, increased investment in one area, such as health, business support or transport, means less funding available for other areas.
3. Welcomes the significant package of emergency support put in place by the Welsh Government to rescue bus and rail transport operators in Wales during the pandemic.
4. Recognises the important role Cardiff Airport has played during the crisis, helping bring in vital PPE supplies to Wales.
5. Notes the Welsh Government's work:
 - a) with other devolved governments to explore a four nation approach to lifting international travel restrictions;
 - b) with bus operators and local authorities to explore the appropriate increase of services and put the industry and its management on a sustainable footing for the future; and
 - c) with Cardiff Airport to explore new routes and secure its future as part of an integrated public transport system across Wales, despite ongoing resistance from the UK Government in what is largely a reserved policy area to create a level playing field for regional airports.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	4	22	55

The motion as amended was agreed.

11 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 34.14D, at 19.02 proceedings were suspended for 5 minutes to allow a technical break before voting time.

12 Debate: Stage 3 on the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill

The item started at 19.10

In accordance with Standing Order 34.14D, at 19.24 proceedings were suspended for 5 minutes before voting on amendments 1, 3 and 2.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	29	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	0	29	54

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	1	41	54

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 34.14D, at 19.38 proceedings were suspended for 5 minutes before voting on the remaining amendments.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	1	28	54

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	1	28	54

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
25	1	28	54

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	28	54

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	28	54

Amendment 8 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	28	54

Amendment 9 was not agreed.

The meeting concluded at 19.48

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 10.00, Wednesday, 15 July 2020