

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd/ Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 16 September 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be 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 has 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 gives 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.

1 Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

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2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Local Government

(45 mins)

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3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services – Local coronavirus restrictions in Caerphilly Borough and Rhondda Cynon Taf

(45 Mins)

4 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions have been accepted.

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint the Chair of the Wales Audit Office

(5 mins)

NDM7374 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with paragraph 5(1) to Schedule 1 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013, and under Standing Order 10.5:

Appoints Lindsay Foyster as Chair of the Wales Audit Office from 17 October 2020 until 15 March 2023.

Note: The Finance Committee's report on the Appointment of the Non-Executive Members and Chair of the Wales Audit Office was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 9 September 2020.

[Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013](#)

7 Motion to establish a committee under Standing Order 16.3: The Llywydd's Committee – WITHDRAWN

(0 mins)

NDM7375 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 16.3:

establishes the Llywydd's Committee to carry out the functions set out in Standing Order 18B.2.

8 Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee report: Benefits in Wales – options for better delivery (60 mins)

NDM7373 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee, 'Benefits in Wales – options for better delivery', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 October 2019.

Note: Responses from the Welsh Government were laid in the Table Office on [6 December 2019](#) and [9 September 2020](#).

9 Welsh Conservatives Debate – COVID–19 Prevention Measures (60 mins)

NDM7376 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

- a) extend the mandatory use of face coverings to include airports, shops, supermarkets, shopping centres, hospitals and other healthcare settings;
- b) use local coronavirus restrictions in response to significant increases in Covid–19 infection rates in a proportionate manner to avoid a full Wales–wide lockdown;
- c) require all travellers entering Wales from overseas to undertake a Covid–19 test on arrival at Cardiff Airport.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete sub–point (a).

Amendment 2 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Delete sub-point (c) and replace with:

'calls on the Welsh Government to review the effectiveness of measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 in relation to international travel to date and to implement any lessons learned.'

[If Amendment 2 is agreed, Amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete sub-point (c) and replace with 'test people returning to Wales from non-exempt countries with a higher incidence rate of COVID 19 than Wales, in accordance with current advice from the Technical Advisory Group'.

[Technical Advisory Group: statement on testing travellers returning to Wales from areas of high prevalence \(Saesneg yn unig\):](#)

Amendment 4 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to secure accommodation to enable travellers and those without the facilities to quarantine in isolation.

Amendment 5 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to make face coverings mandatory in communal areas of specific education settings.

Amendment 6 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a new COVID-19 plan for Wales to provide an updated, holistic framework for dealing with the pandemic during the coming period.

Amendment 7 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently address issues with the current testing regime and to work towards introducing mass daily testing.

Amendment 8 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to explore the use of ‘smart lockdowns’ in response to localised clusters, limiting restrictions to as local an area as possible.

10 Brexit Party Debate – UK Internal Market Bill

(60 mins)

NDM7372 [Mark Reckless \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Welcomes the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill.

[United Kingdom Internal Market Bill](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

Welcomes some parts of the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill which rightly repatriate important powers from the EU to the UK.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

Believes that the UK Government's Internal Market Bill represents a comprehensive assault on the devolution settlement which, if enacted, would severely undermine the powers of the Senedd to protect and promote the interests of the people of Wales.

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendments 3 will be de-selected]

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd agrees that the UK Government's Internal Market Bill is a direct assault on Welsh nationhood and democracy.

Amendment 4 [Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Add as new point to the end of the motion:

Regrets those parts of the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill which propose further devolution of powers to the Senedd and Welsh Government as, on the evidence of the last 20 years, the Welsh Government is likely to use them to increase regulation, restrict freedoms and undermine the competitiveness of the Welsh economy.

Amendment 5 Neil Hamilton [Mid and West Wales](#))

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Believes that, as part of a wider plan to remedy the unsatisfactory results of devolution by, in particular, democratising the NHS and creating more local autonomy in education, and while retaining the elements of the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill which assist in rightly repatriating powers from the EU to the UK, the Senedd should be scrapped.

Amendment 6 [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the powers repatriated by the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill should not be devolved to Wales given the failure that the Welsh Government and Senedd have shown with the current devolved powers that they have.

Amendment 7 [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for a binding referendum on whether to keep or abolish the devolved government and parliament of Wales, in light of the proposed aims of the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill.

Amendment 8 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to explore independence in order to protect Welsh democracy in light of the UK Government's Internal Market Bill.

11 Voting Time

12 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7371 [David Melding \(South Wales Central\)](#)

The need for a fire safety fund in Wales to offer assistance to leaseholders.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 22 September 2020.

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 09/09/2020 for answer on 16/09/2020

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

Sian Gwenllian *Arfon*

1 OQ55521

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on efforts to reintroduce eagles in Snowdonia?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

2 OQ55504

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with major supermarkets regarding the impact of Covid-19 on the food sector in Wales?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

3 OQ55508

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is ensuring that homes in flood risk areas are provided with suitable flood prevention equipment?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

4 OQ55485

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on action to prevent flooding in Clwyd West?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

5 OQ55480

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support Welsh farming for the next twelve months?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

6 OQ55487

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the agricultural sector in mid Wales?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

7 OQ55515

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the accuracy of Wales's flood maps?

Angela Burns *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

8 OQ55502

(e)

Will the Minister outline how the Welsh Government plans to assess the success of the Rural Development Grants programme?

Huw Irranca-Davies *Ogmore*

9 OQ55483

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the implications for the food and farming sector in Wales of the UK Government not being able to secure an EU trade deal?

Mandy Jones *North Wales*

10 OQ55498

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's review of the Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

11 OQ55481

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government policies to protect hen harriers?

Nick Ramsay *Monmouth*

12 OQ55495

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on Welsh Government policies to support the rural economy as we build back better following Covid-19?

Minister for Housing and Local Government

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

1 OQ55517

(e)

What strategy is the Welsh Government applying to city and town centre planning decisions so that its carbon emission reduction targets are taken into account?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

2 OQ55488

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the work of the Town and Country Planning Intensive Agriculture Working Group?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

3 OQ55512

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made on the effect that Covid-19 restrictions are likely to have on affordable home-building targets?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

4 OQ55496

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the local government budget in light of Covid-19?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

5 OQ55489

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting households on a low income to make improvements to their property?

Caroline Jones *South Wales West*

6 OQ55513

(e)

How does the Welsh Government plan to ensure local authorities are equipped to enforce local lockdowns?

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

7 OQ55506

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's response to its call for evidence on estate charges on housing developments?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

8 OQ55507

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on regulations relating to houses of multiple occupation in Wales?

Jack Sargeant *Alyn and Deeside*

9 OQ55479

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how the Welsh Government is empowering town councils in north-east Wales?

Neil McEvoy *South Wales Central*

10 OQ55490

(e)

What support has the Welsh Government given to residents of Victoria Wharf in Cardiff, whose flats have failed post-Grenfell fire tests?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

11 OQ55518

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the local authority in Pembrokeshire regarding the future delivery of public services?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

12 OQ55499

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the governance arrangements for local government during the coronavirus pandemic?