

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd/Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 21 October 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 Finance and Trefnydd

(45 mins)

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2 Questions to the Minister for Education

(45 mins)

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3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

(30 mins)

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4 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions have been accepted

5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – Welsh Hearts Bill

(30 mins)

NDM7427 [Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Welsh hearts Bill to improve the outcomes for people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests.

2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to place a duty on:

- a) Welsh Ministers to publish a strategy to improve the outcomes of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and to develop pathways for survival for the whole country;
- b) local authorities to plan to ensure sufficient access to community defibrillators in each part of their area;
- c) Welsh Ministers to ensure that training in CPR is provided for people throughout Wales;
- d) health boards to collaborate in the production of regional pathway of survival for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests; and
- e) Welsh Ministers to report to the Senedd on the progress of their strategy against objectives every year.

Co-submitters

[Andrew RT Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

7 Debate on Petition P-05-1003: Demand an EIA now on the dumping of radioactively contaminated mud in Welsh waters

(30 min)

NDM7438 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition 'P-05-1003 Demand an EIA now on the dumping of radioactively contaminated mud in Welsh waters' which received 10,692 signatures.

[P-05-1003 Demand an EIA now on the dumping of radioactively contaminated mud in Welsh waters](#)

8 Plaid Cymru debate – The future of education

(60 mins)

NDM7440 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) provide timely reassurance to pupils and teachers by making an immediate statement that examinations will not be held in Wales in summer 2021 and will instead be replaced by teacher assessment;
- b) ensure young people have the skills they need for the future and are given a fair opportunity to demonstrate attainment of those skills through a reformed Welsh system of assessment and qualifications aligned to the new curriculum of Wales by scrapping outdated GCSE and A-Level examinations;
- c) ensure that every pupil leaves the education system as bilingual citizens, by:
 - i) taking further steps to ensure the new curriculum facilitates fluency in Welsh as a norm by increasing Welsh medium education in every sector and learning phase; and
 - ii) committing to introducing a Deddf Addysg Gymraeg;
- d) ensure every pupil has an understanding of Wales's diverse heritage and identity by making the history of Wales, including black and people of colour

history as an integral part of the history of Wales, a mandatory element in the Curriculum and Assessment Bill;

e) uphold the rights of all pupils in the Pontypridd area and elsewhere to a Welsh-medium education in their own community and within a reasonable distance to their homes by promoting widely the precedents arising from the administrative court's judgement in *Driver v. RCT County Borough Council* in relation to the proper undertaking of Welsh language impact assessments in school reorganisation proposals;

f) prioritise the mental health and wellbeing of our students by ensuring the mental health and wellbeing areas of learning and expertise are given due attention in the Curriculum and Assessment Bill, and monitor medium and long-term trends in mental health provision in schools;

g) urgently, support further education students learning from home by ensuring they have access to adequate broadband provision and equipment, and urgently assess the need to safely reopen public workspaces for students who cannot work at home;

h) prevent apprentices from slipping into poverty by guaranteeing full wage protections during workplace closures, and provide additional support/guidance if they are made redundant;

i) uphold the legal rights of students by ensuring they are treated equally to the rest of the public with regards to COVID-19 restrictions, including a guarantee that students can return home before the Christmas period with appropriate testing safeguards in place.

[Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[England and Wales High Court \(Administrative Court\) Decisions: *Driver, R \(On the Application Of\) v Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council* \[2020\]](#)

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

Delete sub-points (a) and (b) and replace with:

'take all steps to ensure that pupils in Wales have the opportunity to sit general and vocational exams this school year, including if the school year is extended;

set a date by which a decision must be made on whether exams will go ahead, with such dates allowing for a credible and robust system of externally moderated centre assessment grades to be implemented instead;'

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

Delete sub-point (c) (i) and replace with:

'introducing a Welsh language continuum code to assist practitioners to deliver the aim of improving fluency through the curriculum;'

Amendment 3 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Insert as new sub-point (c) (ii) and renumber accordingly:

'abiding by the judgment in Driver v. RCT County Borough Council;

Amendment 4 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Insert as new sub-point after point (c) and renumber accordingly:

'ensure young people have the skills they need for the future and are given a fair opportunity to demonstrate attainment of those skills through an improved system of assessment and general qualifications aligned to the new curriculum of Wales and via access to courses leading to recognised vocational qualifications;'

Amendment 5 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete sub-point (e) and renumber accordingly.

Amendment 6 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Insert as new sub-point after sub-point (g) and renumber accordingly:

'better reflect the recommendations of the Mind Over Matter report and the observations of the Children's Commissioner in delivery of the curriculum, and monitor outcomes;'

[Children, Young People and Education Committee – Mind over matter: A report on the step change needed in emotional and mental health support for children and young people in Wales](#)

Amendment 7 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete sub-point (h) and renumber accordingly.

Amendment 8 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new points at end of motion:

Recognises the disruption caused to pupils' education by the Welsh Government's response to COVID-19.

Recognises the commitment and flexibility of all staff delivering education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amendment 9 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Insert as new sub-point at end of motion:

'make an urgent statement on the support provided to apprentices and trainees.'

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii) amendment 10 tabled to the motion has not been selected.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7439 [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Broaden the spectrum: adding blue to the green recovery.

Putting our seas at the heart of the green economy and post-COVID-19 social settlement.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 November 2020

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 14/10/2020 for answer on 21/10/2020

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

Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

1 OQ55724

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales about the possibility of increasing the budget available in 2020/21 for spend on the economy in Wales?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

2 OQ55763

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on support for businesses affected by Welsh Government regulations?

Adam Price *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

3 OQ55761

(w)

To what extent will the Minister ensure that the Welsh Government's budget can be adapted over the coming months to support county councils in Wales?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

4 OQ55747

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's proposed residential development at Cosmeston Farm in Penarth?

Llyr Gruffydd *North Wales*

5 OQ55756

(w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the number of higher rate houses appearing in the latest land transaction tax figures?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

6 OQ55752

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the level of local procurement by public bodies in South Wales West?

Darren Millar *Clwyd West*

7 OQ55719

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the financial support available for those affected by local coronavirus restrictions?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

8 OQ55745

(e)

What consideration has the Minister given to funding flood recovery in Wales when allocating the Welsh Government's budget?

Suzy Davies *South Wales West*

9 OQ55760

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on how financial statements accompanying new bills compare to the actual realised costs?

David Rees *Aberavon*

10 OQ55759

(e)

What discussions is the Minister having with counterparts in the UK Government on the criteria that will be used to access the shared prosperity fund?

Neil McEvoy *South Wales Central*

11 OQ55737

(e)

What consideration has the Minister given to supporting the proposed building safety fund for leaseholders when allocating the Welsh Government budget for next year?

Rhun ap Iorwerth *Ynys Môn*

12 OQ55733

(w)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Housing and Local Government about the funding allocation to Ynys Môn County Council for 2021-22?

Minister for Education

Hefin David *Caerphilly*

1 OQ55750

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the actions expected of schools to limit the risk of spreading COVID-19 infections?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

2 OQ55739

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the opening of outdoor education centres during the COVID-19 pandemic?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

3 OQ55742

(e)

What steps are being taken to ensure that schools are adhering to social distancing guidelines?

David Rees *Aberavon*

4 OQ55757

(e)

Will the Minister confirm when the review into the awarding of examination results in summer 2020 will be published?

Paul Davies *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

5 OQ55718

(e)

Will the Minister outline the Welsh Government's immediate priorities for schools in Pembrokeshire?

Gareth Bennett *South Wales Central*

6 OQ55746

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of education in South Wales Central?

Suzy Davies *South Wales West*

7 OQ55758

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the changes in the new guidance regarding full school years being sent home to self-isolate?

Joyce Watson *Mid and West Wales*

8 OQ55754

(e)

How will the Welsh Government support digital education services this academic year?

Dai Lloyd *South Wales West*

9 OQ55753

(w)

What assessment has the Minister made of co-operation between local authorities in providing Welsh-medium early years education, particularly in communities close to county boundaries?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

10 OQ55720

(e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting pupils with additional learning needs through the coronavirus pandemic?

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

11 OQ55744

(e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the resources required by Welsh universities to support teaching and learning for students during COVID-19 outbreaks on campus?

Senedd Commission

Helen Mary Jones *Mid and West Wales*

1 OQ55729

(e)

How does the Commission support staff working from home during the coronavirus pandemic?

Andrew R.T. Davies *South Wales Central*

2 OQ55748

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on the Welsh Government's use of facilities in the Tŷ Hywel building?

Alun Davies *Blaenau Gwent*

3 OQ55764

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on preparations to ensure that next May's Senedd elections will go ahead as planned?

Neil McEvoy *South Wales Central*

4 OQ55734

(e)

What assessment has the Commission made of its policies to ensure that indirect racial discrimination of elected members and staff does not take place?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

5 OQ55725

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on improving awareness of biodiversity on the Senedd estate?

David Melding *South Wales Central*

6 OQ55741

(e)

What measures are in place to support Commission staff working from home during the pandemic?