

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 25 November 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)

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 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 Members Legislative Proposal – A deposit return scheme and waste reduction Bill**

(30 mins)

**NDM7481 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill that would make provisions to introduce a deposit return scheme and to reduce waste in Wales.

2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:

a) establish the creation of a deposit return scheme for drinks containers in Wales, which would see consumers pay a deposit, repayable on return of the container;

b) reduce the number of single-use plastic and glass bottles, as well as steel and aluminium cans;

c) respond to increased amounts of recyclable waste, such as personal protective equipment being used to fight COVID-19, where a growing number of items are being discarded and affecting our wild and marine life; and

d) increase accountability by establishing a duty on the Welsh Government to lay an annual report to the Welsh Parliament detailing specific policies undertaken to reduce the discarding of recyclable waste and the impact these have had to improve Wales's natural environment.

**Supporters**

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

## 7 Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee debate on the National Development Framework

(60 mins)

NDM7487 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the draft National Development Framework, [laid](#) on 21 September 2020.
2. Notes that, in accordance with Section 3 of the Planning (Wales) Act 2015, the 60-day Senedd consideration period began on the day on which the draft of the Framework was laid in the Senedd.
3. Notes that, in accordance with Section 3 of the Planning (Wales) Act 2015, the Welsh Ministers must have regard to any resolution passed by the Senedd and any recommendation made by a committee of the Senedd with regard to the draft during that 60-day period.

### [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015](#)

#### Supporting documents

[Report of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee: Future Wales: The National Plan 2040](#)

[Letter from the Enterprise, Infrastructure and Skills Committee to the Minister for Housing and Local Government](#)

[Response from Minister for Housing and Local Government to the Enterprise, Infrastructure and Skills Committee](#)

[Letter from the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee to the Minister for Housing and Local Government](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

#### Amendment 1 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new points at end of motion:

Believes that the revised four-region model in Future Wales: the national plan 2040:

- a) has been inspired by a Conservative, unionist agenda based on the UK Government's city and growth deals;
- b) would drive a wedge into Wales, splitting the north of our country from the south and would do little to proactively improve north-south connectivity; and
- c) would neglect some of those parts of Wales most in need of regeneration and development, namely the western seaboard and the valleys of the south.

Calls on the Welsh Government to replace the four-region model proposed in Future Wales: the national plan 2040 with an alternative regional map of Wales focused on making Wales a connected, sustainable, prosperous and self-sufficient nation in every sense.

[Future Wales: the national plan 2040](#)

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

Add as new points at end of motion:

Notes that Dr Neil Harris of Cardiff University, in evidence to the Senedd's Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee, summarised the approach underpinning Future Wales: the national plan 2040 as one which is based on urban-focused growth and stability elsewhere.

Believes that the approach underpinning Future Wales: the national plan 2040:

- a) threatens to entrench the failure to distribute wealth, growth and development equally across Wales as a permanent feature of Wales's governance in this long-term plan; and
- b) will lead to overdevelopment in the areas already prioritised as preferred locations for substantial residential and other development, whilst doing little to address the need for sustainable development in other areas including the need for social and affordable housing to meet the housing crisis.

Believes that the planning system in Wales must reflect the need for suitable development in the right places according to local need; give communities a greater say in developments in their areas and that the planning system must

permit holistic planning at the appropriate level, but believes that the transfer of power and accountability over planning from local authorities to corporate joint committees through strategic development plans is likely to further limit the local voice in planning.

Calls on the Welsh Government to replace the approach which currently underpins Future Wales: the national plan 2040 with an alternative approach focused on distributing wealth, power and investment equitably across the whole of Wales by targeting intervention and growth to the areas in most need.

[Written submission by Neil Harris in advance of evidence session on the National Development Framework for the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee – October 2019](#)

## **8 Welsh Conservatives debate – The impact of COVID–19 on health services**

(60 mins)

**NDM7489** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the BBC Wales Investigates report that showed a ten-fold increase in patients waiting for all treatments in the Welsh NHS compared to September 2019.
2. Further notes the warning from leading cancer experts and charities that 2,000 people could die because of COVID-related delays in the Welsh NHS.
3. Recognises the hard work, dedication and commitment of staff in the healthcare sector supporting patients not just with coronavirus but with a variety of conditions.
4. Regrets that the Minister for Health and Social Services has estimated that it would take a full parliamentary term to resume normal services and that it would be foolish to have a plan in place to tackle the waiting list backlog.
5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
  - a) immediately boost the use of COVID-free hospitals, as recommended by the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Emergency Medicine;

- b) conduct an urgent review into how hospital patients in Wales are being discharged during the pandemic and implement those findings to tackle bottlenecks in hospitals, as recommended by the Royal College of Physicians;
- c) significantly improve its testing regime to ramp up capacity and ensure that COVID-19 is isolated and kept out of Welsh hospitals;
- d) introduce a cancer recovery plan, as seen elsewhere across the UK, and increase investment in the roll-out of rapid diagnostic centres across Wales; and
- e) implement a nationwide campaign to ensure that people who suspect they have cancer, or need to go to hospital in an emergency, continue to do so.

[Written evidence submitted to the UK Parliament by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal College of Emergency Medicine – 16 June 2020](#)

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Notes that the Welsh statistics published on 19 November show an 11 per cent increase in the total numbers waiting for treatment from September 2019 to September 2020, and it is the growth of waits over the national target 36 weeks that have increased ninefold, a trend which has been seen in all areas of the UK.

[StatsWales](#)

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

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Regrets that Wales, the UK, and the world will be living with the effects of COVID-19 for many years.

Notes that whilst covid remains in our community, NHS plans are focussed on balancing the safe delivery of COVID and non-COVID services.

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

Delete sub-point 5(a) and replace with:

Work with local clinicians to develop models of delivery which maximise all resources to deliver safe, quality care for both COVID and non-COVID pathways to local communities.

**Amendment 4 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

Delete sub-point 5(d) and replace with:

Continue to work with the cancer network and NHS to ensure cancer services are able to meet new and current demand, and agree how to deploy future investment to deliver on the agreed commitment for rapid diagnostic testing.

**Amendment 5 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

In sub-point 5(e), delete “implement a” and replace with “continue our”.

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

Add as new sub-points at end of point 5:

'conduct a review of performance against waiting time targets over the past decade to ensure that lessons are learned about management of waiting lists; consider using the Nightingale hospitals where possible to provide extra capacity for patients recovering from surgery to help increase flow through the system.'

## **9 Voting Time**

## **10 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM7488 [David Rees \(Aberavon\)](#)**

Cancer services: a post-COVID-19 recovery plan.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 1 December 2020

## Oral Questions tabled on 18/11/2020 for answer on 25/11/2020

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

### Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

1 OQ55901

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the allocation of funding across the Welsh Government in light of the Chancellor's announcement of £600 million of additional budget consequentials from the UK Government?

**Michelle Brown** *North Wales*

2 OQ55934

(e)

Has the Welsh Government conducted any reviews into the viability of its existing investments in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

3 OQ55933

(w)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Welsh Government's plans to create new taxes before the end of this Senedd?

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

4 OQ55926

(e)

What additional funding will the Minister allocate in the budget to support the Pontypridd area in light of COVID-19?

**Mark Reckless** *South Wales East*

5 OQ55928

(e)

What additional budgetary allocations will the Minister provide to support Transport for Wales now that it has taken control of the Wales and Borders rail franchise?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

6 OQ55938



(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the land transaction tax holiday that is in place in Wales until 31 March 2021?

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

7 OQ55929

(e)

What consideration will the Minister give to promoting the economic development of towns in the Heads of the Valleys when allocating funding to the economy, transport and north Wales portfolio?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

8 OQ55914

(e)

What are the Welsh Government's priorities for strategic investment in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

9 OQ55909

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the reduction in the total revenue and capital allocation for the environment, energy, and rural affairs portfolio in the second supplementary budget for 2020-21?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

10 OQ55937

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism with regards to the financial position of the Wales National Pool Swansea?

**David Rees** *Aberavon*

11 OQ55931

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with Treasury Ministers within the UK Government on the details of the shared prosperity fund?

**Delyth Jewell** *South Wales East*

12 OQ55935

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the value for money of converting the A465 from Dowlais Top to Hirwaun in light of projections that its cost has increased significantly?

**Minister for Education**

1 **Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*  
OQ55924

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the plans for the return of students to Welsh universities in the new year?

2 **Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*  
OQ55916

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government support for supply teachers?

3 **David Melding** *South Wales Central*  
OQ55920

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on attendance levels in special schools during the COVID-19 public health emergency?

4 **Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*  
OQ55908

(e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring that schools support pupils with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder?

5 **David J. Rowlands** *South Wales East*  
OQ55941

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the implementation of the new curriculum?

6 **Leanne Wood** *Rhondda*  
OQ55940

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to prevent the asymptomatic spread of coronavirus in schools to protect teachers and pupils?

7 **Helen Mary Jones** *Mid and West Wales*  
OQ55923

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the pandemic on the implementation of the new curriculum in Mid and West Wales?

8 **Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*  
OQ55906

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on school budgets?

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

9 OQ55930

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on school improvement in South Wales West?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

10 OQ55922

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the COVID-secure measures being taken in secondary schools?

**Mark Reckless** *South Wales East*

11 OQ55927

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the extent to which students may have fallen behind during coronavirus-related lockdowns?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

12 OQ55905

(e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to improve education standards in Pembrokeshire throughout the COVID-19 pandemic?

## **Senedd Commission**

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

1 OQ55925

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on the amount of annual leave accrued by staff and the impact this will have on its finances?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

2 OQ55936

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on air circulation within the Senedd and Tŷ Hywel buildings?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

3 OQ55913

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on its current engagement with children and young people in Wales?

**David Melding** *South Wales Central*

4 OQ55921

(e)

What measures are in place to promote virtual access to Senedd proceedings by the general public?

**Helen Mary Jones** *Mid and West Wales*

5 OQ55904

(e)

Will the Commission provide an update on its support for the work of the Welsh Youth Parliament?

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

6 OQ55942

(e)

Will the Commission make a statement on any plans to change the Senedd's electoral cycle?