

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 29 February 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(49)

Election of a temporary Deputy Presiding Officer

Rhodri Glyn Thomas was elected as temporary Deputy Presiding Officer.

1. Questions to the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development

The item started at 13.30.

The first 12 questions were asked.

2. Questions to the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage

The item started at 14.16.

Questions 1–8 and 10 were asked. Question 9 was withdrawn.

3. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 15.04.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4924 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of inward investment into the Welsh economy;
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to address issues highlighted by the Welsh Affairs Select Committee Report into Inward Investment in Wales; and

3. Endorses the comments of Professor Brian Morgan that “The closure of the WDA and the abolition of the ‘WDA brand’ will probably go down in history as the worst policy decision made in Wales in living memory.”.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	37	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 1 insert "relative" after "Notes the..."

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	16	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

2. Recognises that Wales needs to become a more attractive place to invest; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to focus on approaches to investment that do not overly rely on direct support to individual businesses.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Welsh Government must deliver improved infrastructure and higher skills levels in addition to better marketing of Wales in order to attract more inward investment.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4924 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the relative importance of inward investment into the Welsh economy;
2. Recognises that Wales needs to become a more attractive place to invest;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to focus on approaches to investment that do not overly rely on direct support to individual businesses; and
4. Believes that the Welsh Government must deliver improved infrastructure and higher skills levels in addition to better marketing of Wales in order to attract more inward investment.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

4. Welsh Conservatives Debate

The item started at 16.11.

NDM4925 William Graham (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Regrets recent reports of service delays for wheelchair service users and recognises the negative impact these can have on the quality of life of wheelchair users;
2. Welcomes the 'one-day inquiry on wheelchair services in Wales' to be undertaken by the Health and Social Care Committee; and
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
 - a) give a greater priority to tackling upgrade and repair delays, together with the initial provision of a wheelchair, particularly for children; and
 - b) provide a comprehensive update on progress towards improving wheelchair services since the Health, Well-being and Local Government Committee Report on Wheel Chair Services in Wales was published in 2010.

The motion without amendment was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Plaid Cymru Debate

The item started at 17.02.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM4926 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the valuable contribution made to the health of the nation by a network of NHS District General Hospitals working with regional Specialist Centres;

2. Notes that Hywel Dda Health Board has failed to maintain the confidence of the public and clinicians; and

3. Calls on the Minister for Health and Social Services to:

a) maintain a network of District General Hospitals to ensure that Welsh citizens are within a safe distance of their life-saving services; and

b) instruct Hywel Dda Health Board, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Powys Health Board to work across administrative boundaries to ensure that the surgical and medical needs of the people of mid Wales are safely and adequately met by Bronglais District General Hospital.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
24	0	27	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

Amendment 1 – Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

In point 2, delete all after "Board" and replace with:

"is working innovatively and widely, but still has work to do, in engaging and explaining the future of NHS services to the public and clinicians in its locality; and"

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	24	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

3. Notes and congratulates the invaluable work undertaken by 'The aBer Group' in strengthening public participation in the future of Bronglais District General Hospital; and

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	0	51

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4926 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the valuable contribution made to the health of the nation by a network of NHS District General Hospitals working with regional Specialist Centres;

2. Notes that Hywel Dda Health Board is working innovatively and widely, but still has work to do, in engaging and explaining the future of NHS services to the public and clinicians in its locality;

3. Notes and congratulates the invaluable work undertaken by 'The aBer Group' in strengthening public participation in the future of Bronglais District General Hospital; and

4. Calls on the Minister for Health and Social Services to:

a) maintain a network of District General Hospitals to ensure that Welsh citizens are within a safe distance of their life-saving services; and

b) instruct Hywel Dda Health Board, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Powys Health Board to work across administrative boundaries to ensure that the surgical and medical needs of the people of mid Wales are safely and adequately met by Bronglais District General Hospital.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	24	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

Voting Time

Voting Time started at 18.07.

6. Short Debate

The item started at 18.13.

NDM4923 Mark Drakeford (Cardiff West):

Cuts Watch Cymru

This debate will highlight the work of Cuts Watch Cymru, a collaboration of many third sector organisations in Wales, tracing and tracking the impact of welfare benefit cuts in Wales.

The meeting concluded at 18.35.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Tuesday, 6 March 2012