

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

**Zoom**

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 3 February 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

### **321(v3)**

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This meeting will be held by video-conference.

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

The Llywydd will also give notice, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public are 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 would 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 Topical Questions**

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions were submitted.

#### **4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

#### **5 Debate on the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Report: Turn up the volume: Inquiry into the live music industry**

(30 mins)

**NDM7575 [Bethan Sayed \(South Wales West\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee, Turn up the volume: an inquiry into the live music industry, [laid](#) in the Table Office on 17 December 2020.

#### **6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Support for palliative care during the pandemic**

(30 mins)

**NDM7581 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that the Office of National Statistics recorded 37,403 deaths in Wales in 2020.

2. Acknowledges the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on those providing end-of-life care and those who are terminally ill and their loved ones, particularly given coronavirus restrictions on visits to hospitals, hospices and care homes.

3. Recognises the vital importance of high quality palliative care and bereavement support services under such circumstances.

4. Notes the Royal College of Nurses Wales's concerns regarding nurses being exhausted, stressed and near burnout due to the pandemic and the additional pressure of providing end-of-life care.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) keep under review the guidance associated with visits to hospitals, hospices and care homes, so that families and operators are able to enable safe and compassionate contact during end-of-life care;
- b) ensure that those who are approaching the end of their lives, as well as their loved ones, have access to high-quality care and emotional support;
- c) significantly increase financial support for palliative care and bereavement support services in the next financial year to meet the increased, and more complex needs arising from the pandemic; and
- d) implement a long-term plan to support nurses and care staff to deal with post-traumatic stress and mental health issues caused by the increased requirement for palliative care.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

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

Insert as new sub-point at end of motion:

- (e) address inequalities in access to good end-of-life care.

**7 Plaid Cymru debate – Funding for the National Library**

(30 mins)

**NDM7580 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Regrets that, with no increased financial support from the Welsh Government, the National Library of Wales will be forced to cut jobs and severely curtail services.
2. Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently review the insufficient funding allocated to the National Library in the Welsh Government's draft budget for 2021–2022 and to provide the National Library with a sustainable funding settlement that will both protect the workforce of today and allow the library to expand its vital work for the future.

The following amendments have been tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes that the National Library of Wales is currently undergoing a consultation process and that the Welsh Government remains in continuous discussion with them to assess every option available.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), amendment 2 tabled to the motion was not selected.

**Amendment 3 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the authoritative evidence provided in the tailored review commissioned by the Welsh Government that the National Library does not currently receive the level of funding required to deliver its core services.

[National Library of Wales: Tailored review of the National Library of Wales](#)

## 8 Voting Time

## 9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

**NDM7577 [Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)**

Why don't we love international languages?

Reflections on learning international languages in Wales and the role of the modern foreign languages student mentoring project.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 9 February 2021

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 27/01/2021 for answer on 03/02/2021

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

### **MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

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1

**David Melding** *South Wales Central*

OQ56225

(e)

What measures are in place to promote small-scale renewable energy generation in Wales?

2

**Darren Millar** *Clwyd West*

OQ56206

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on flood-risk management in Ruthin?

3

**Caroline Jones** *South Wales West*

OQ56228

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support the Convention on Biological Diversity?

4

**Michelle Brown** *North Wales*

OQ56234

(e)

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What steps is Welsh Government taking to protect the rural economy during the pandemic?

5

**Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*

OQ56207

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of Storm Christoph in Mancot, Sandycroft and surrounding communities?

6

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

OQ56223

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of leaving the EU on the Welsh seafood sector?

7

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

OQ56219

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to enhance insect numbers in Wales?

8

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

OQ56215

(e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the UK Government's decision to authorise the use of neonicotinoid pesticides?

9

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

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OQ56203

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on proposals to improve cat and dog welfare in Wales?

10

**Rhianon Passmore** *Islwyn*

OQ56231

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on measures the Welsh Government is deploying to curb environmental crime in Islwyn?

11

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

OQ56236

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government initiatives to tackle environmental crime?

12

**Angela Burns** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

OQ56213

(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to protect the environment in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

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## MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1

**Gareth Bennett** *South Wales Central*

OQ56226

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the delivery of local public services in South Wales Central?

2

**Dai Lloyd** *South Wales West*

OQ56216

**(e)**

What assessment has the Minister made of the levels of local authority staff available to provide key services across Wales during the COVID-19 pandemic?

3

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

OQ56212

**(e)**

What assessment has Welsh Government made of the rent arrears that have built up in Cardiff since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic?

4

**Huw Irranca-Davies** *Ogmore*

OQ56229

**(e)**

What discussions has the Minister had with local authorities regarding the use of emergency accommodation for homeless persons during the pandemic?

5

**Laura Anne Jones** *South Wales East*

OQ56222

**(e)**

What measures will the Welsh Government introduce to increase the supply of affordable housing in south-east Wales?

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**David Melding** *South Wales Central*

OQ56224

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(e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to protect the housing industry during the COVID-19 lockdown?

7

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

OQ56237

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on post-COVID housing support for communities in the Heads of the Valleys?

8

**Lynne Neagle** *Torfaen*

OQ56235

(e)

Will the Minister provide an update on how the Welsh Government is building resilience within public protection services in local government?

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**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

OQ56205

(e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the evaluation of Rent Smart Wales?

10

**Leanne Wood** *Rhondda*

OQ56208

(e)

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs regarding the safe disposal of PPE and other COVID-risk waste items by local authority workers?

11

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

OQ56209

**(e)**

What discussions has the Welsh Government had with social housing providers about how they can best support their tenants during the coronavirus pandemic?

12

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

OQ56221

**(e)**

What is the Welsh Government doing to reduce the carbon footprint of house building in Wales?