

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date:

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Wednesday, 3 March 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 9 was withdrawn. Question 8 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition (in respect of his European Transition responsibilities)

The item started at 14.32

The first 8 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 8 were grouped together for answer. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted.

4 90 Second Statements

Mike Hedges made a statement on – John Hughes (composer of the tune Calon Lan is traditionally sung to)



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Bethan Sayed made a statement on – Eating disorder awareness week 2021

5 Motion to Annul The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021

The item started at 15.24

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

NDM7576 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.2:

Agrees that The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021, [laid](#) before the Senedd on 27 January 2021, be annulled.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	30	57

The motion was not agreed.

6 Debate on the Health, Social Care and Sport report: Inquiry into the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on health and social care in Wales: Report 2 – Impact on mental health and wellbeing

The item started at 15.57

NDM7610 [Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee: Inquiry into the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on health and social care in Wales: Report 2 – Impact on mental health and wellbeing, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 17 December 2020.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 February 2021.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on petitions concerning the COVID-19 vaccination programme

The item started at 16.30

NDM7608 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the following petitions concerning the COVID-19 vaccination programme:

- a) Petition '[P-05-1117 Give Police Officers the Covid Vaccination as a priority](#)' which received 10,879 signatures;
- b) Petition '[P-05-1119 Prioritise teachers, school and childcare staff for COVID-19 vaccination](#)' which received 16,288 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Debate on petitions concerning the development of a new Velindre Cancer Centre

The item started at 16.51

NDM7609 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the following petitions concerning the development of a new Velindre Cancer Centre:

- a) Petition '[P-05-1001 Hold an independent inquiry into the choice of site for the proposed new Velindre Cancer Centre](#)' which received 5,348 signatures;
- b) Petition '[P-05-1018 Support for the current proposed plans to build a new Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff, in any future inquiry](#)' which received 11,392 signatures.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Independent Alliance for Reform Group Debate – Investment in schools.

The item started at 17.18

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7606 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises that the lack of investment in school infrastructure over recent decades has resulted in many schools not being fit for purpose.
2. Welcomes recent investment such as the 21st Century Schools Programme, but regrets the fact that this is being used as a vehicle by local education authorities to merge schools.
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to:
 - a) put a halt on the creation of super schools which are detrimental to the learning experience of young people;
 - b) ensure that local education authorities do not use a lack of investment as an excuse to close community schools; and
 - c) issue guidance to local education authorities to ensure that school pupils do not have to travel more than 15 minutes by car or public transport to attend their nearest school.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
7	3	47	57

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that all children and young people should have the opportunity to learn in the best learning environments.
2. Recognises that local authorities are responsible for planning school places and choosing an appropriate learning model for a particular area.
3. Notes that when making major changes to schools, including school closures, local authorities must comply with the School Organisation Code and take into account a range of factors, the prime concern being the interests of learners.
4. Welcomes that the Welsh Government:
 - a) has prioritised investment in the schools and colleges estate and continues to do so through its 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme;
 - b) will invest in excess of £300 million in our schools and colleges this year; the highest annual spend since the programme commenced;
 - c) scrutinises investment in the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme to ensure that active travel is a key part of the new provision; and
 - d) is reviewing the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008, which sets the conditions under which local authorities are required to provide home to school travel for learners, to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.

[School Organisation Code](#)

[21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme](#)

[Learner Travel \(Wales\) Measure 2008](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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30	2	25	57
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Amendment 1 was agreed.

[As amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 was de-selected]

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7606 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

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[Learner Travel \(Wales\) Measure 2008](#)

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29	3	25	57

The motion as amended was agreed.

10 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.42 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before voting time.

The item started at 17.47

Votes Summary

11 Short Debate

The item started at 17.51

NDM7607 [Nick Ramsay \(Monmouth\)](#)

Adapt now Welsh homes for motor neurone disease: how can we make sure people living with MND have safe and accessible homes, maintaining independence, dignity and quality of life.

The meeting concluded at 18.10

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