

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 17 March 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a virtual format, with Members joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1–4 and 6–12 were asked. Question 5 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Education

The item started at 14.19

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.05

Question 1 was not asked. Questions 2–4 were asked.

4 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.19

To the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip

Delyth Jewell (South Wales East): What assessment has the First Minister made of the impact that the UK Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill will have on women's safety in Wales?



5 90 Second Statements

No 90 Second Statements were submitted.

6 Motion to appoint the Senedd Commissioner for Standards

The item started at 15.32

NDM7654 [Jayne Bryant \(Newport West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the report of the Standards of Conduct Committee: Appointment of Commissioner for Standards [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 March 2021 (“the report”).
2. Acting under section 1(2) of the National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009, appoints Douglas Bain CBE TD as Senedd Commissioner for Standards under that Measure, for a term of six years starting on 1 April 2021.
3. Acting under paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule to the National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009:
 - a) agrees the remuneration package of the Commissioner, in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of the Schedule to that Measure, as set out in Annex A of the report;
 - b) delegates, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Schedule to that Measure, the making of decisions in relation to the annual adjustment of the Commissioner’s remuneration package to the Clerk of the Senedd; and
 - c) delegates, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Schedule to that Measure, the settling all other terms on which such appointment is to have effect to the Clerk of the Senedd.

[National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009](#)

[Standards of Conduct Committee: Appointment of the Commissioner for Standards](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee Report: Remote working: Implications for Wales

The item started at 15.34

NDM7653 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee on its inquiry, Remote Working: Implications for Wales, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 March 2021.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Debate on petition 'P-05-1056 Give Local Authorities powers to control the housing market in rural and tourist areas of Wales'

The item started at 15.59

NDM7652 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition 'P-05-1056 Give Local Authorities powers to control the housing market in rural and tourist areas of Wales', which received 5,386 signatures.

[P-05-1056 Give Local Authorities powers to control the housing market in rural and tourist areas of Wales](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Plaid Cymru Debate – NHS Pay Review

The item started at 16.30

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7655 [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Condemns the UK Government's recommendation to the NHS Pay Review Body for a wholly inadequate 1 per cent pay rise to nurses and other NHS staff which would amount to a real terms cut in their wages.

2. Calls on the Welsh Government to make further representations to the NHS Pay Review Body supporting the specific calls of the trade unions and other bodies representing health and social care staff in Wales for a fair and well deserved pay rise to reflect the sacrifices made during the pandemic.

3. Calls on the next Welsh Government to deliver a reformed pay and retention settlement for health and social care staff, including a guaranteed minimum of £10 an hour for care workers to end the current disparity between health and care.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	4	38	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Recognises that NHS pay is devolved and welcomes the additional £2.1 billion increase in the Welsh Government budget for 2021–2022.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	2	37	51

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

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

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Acknowledges that the Welsh Government has noted the different position from the NHS trade union on what they believe is a fair and affordable pay uplift and has made further representations to the NHS Pay Review Body to confirm that no arbitrary cap has been set.

Believes that the pay review bodies should report independently on a pay that is both fair and affordable.

Recognises that NHS Wales pays the Real Living Wage, that the Welsh Government supports the Real Living Wage as the minimum rate of pay for social care workers and has established the Social Care Fair Work Forum which is looking at how to improve terms and conditions in the sector.

Acknowledges that one of the key themes of “A Healthier Wales: Our Workforce Strategy for Health and Social Care” focusses on fair rewards and recognition for staff.

[A Healthier Wales: Our Workforce Strategy for Health and Social Care](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	5	19	51

Amendment 2 was agreed.

As Amendment 2 was agreed, Amendment 3 was de-selected

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7655 [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Condemns the UK Government's recommendation to the NHS Pay Review Body for a wholly inadequate 1 per cent pay rise to nurses and other NHS staff which would amount to a real terms cut in their wages.
2. Acknowledges that the Welsh Government has noted the different position from the NHS trade union on what they believe is a fair and affordable pay uplift and has made further representations to the NHS Pay Review Body to confirm that no arbitrary cap has been set.
3. Believes that the pay review bodies should report independently on a pay that is both fair and affordable.
4. Recognises that NHS Wales pays the Real Living Wage, that the Welsh Government supports the Real Living Wage as the minimum rate of pay for social care workers and has established the Social Care Fair Work Forum which is looking at how to improve terms and conditions in the sector.
5. Acknowledges that one of the key themes of "A Healthier Wales: Our Workforce Strategy for Health and Social Care" focusses on fair rewards and recognition for staff.

[A Healthier Wales: Our Workforce Strategy for Health and Social Care](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	2	20	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

10 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.01 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before voting time.

The item started at 17.06.

Votes Summary

11 Short Debate

The item started at 17.08

NDM7651 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

Improving mental health, post pandemic.

The meeting concluded at 17.27

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 23 March 2021