# Agenda - Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr - Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 15 September 2021

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.

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.

1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Local Government (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

#### **View Questions**

# 2 Questions to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

#### **View Questions**

# 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

No Topical Questions were accepted.



#### 4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

## 5 Welsh Conservatives Debate - Access to defibrillators

(60 mins)

### NDM7771 Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

To propose that the Senedd:

- 1. Notes that only 1 in 10 people survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.
- 2. Further notes that for every minute a patient does not have access to a defibrillator or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), their chances of survival drops by 10 per cent.
- 3. Recognises that a network of defibrillators will save lives.
- 4. Calls on the Welsh Government to provide grant funding or loans to enable community halls, sports grounds and independent shops to buy and install a defibrillator.

#### The following amendment has been tabled:

**Amendment 1** Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Delete point 4 and replace with new points:

- 4. Recognises the £2.5 million funding provided by Welsh Government to Save a Life Cymru to improve awareness and access to CPR and defibrillation.
- 5. Notes the Welsh Government commits to extending this support by £500k this year to further increase the number of defibrillators in community settings across Wales.

# 6 Plaid Cymru Debate - Universal Credit

(60 mins)

NDM7772 Sian Gwenllian (Arfon)

To propose that the Senedd:

- 1. Opposes the UK Government's proposal to scrap the £20 uplift in universal credit, which has been a vital helpline for families in Wales during the pandemic.
- 2. Recognises that a higher proportion of families in Wales will be affected by the cut to universal credit than the UK average according to the Bevan Foundation.
- 3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:
- a) pursue the devolution of welfare in order to tackle poverty in Wales.
- b) publish a robust and meaningful plan to tackle poverty that contains clear performance targets and indications to measure progress.
- c) maintain flexibility around the discretionary assistance fund in order to mitigate the impact of any universal credit reduction on people in Wales.

## The following amendments have been tabled:

#### Amendment 1. Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Delete point 1 and replace with:

Welcomes the UK Government's decision to provide an extra £20 per week in universal credit to support those on low incomes during the coronavirus pandemic and recognises that this temporary measure has already been extended from 12 to 18 months.

#### Amendment 2. Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Delete point 2 and replace with:

Regrets that poverty levels in Wales are higher than in other parts of the UK due to the failure of successive Welsh Governments.

#### Amendment 3. Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

- 3. Notes the income maximisation work done by the Welsh Government to support families on low incomes.
- 4. Urges the Welsh Government to:
- a) continue to explore the case for the devolution of the administration of welfare; and

b) maintain the current flexibility around the discretionary assistance fund to mitigate the impact of any universal credit reduction and the ending of furlough on people in Wales.

[If amendment 3 is agreed, amendments 4 and 5 will be de-selected]

#### Amendment 4. Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Delete sub-point 3(a) and replace with:

a) work with the UK Government to tackle poverty in Wales, by maximising the opportunities presented by funding opportunities and regional growth deals across Wales;

### Amendment 5. Darren Millar (Clwyd West)

Delete everything after 'fund' in sub-point 3(c).

## 7 Voting Time

## 8 Short Debate

(30 mins)

#### NDM7770 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

We will remember them: why we must protect Wales's war memorials

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 21 September 2021