

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 4 October 2023

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Local Government

The item started at 13.30

The first 10 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

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

The item started at 14.17

Questions 1–6 and 8–10 were asked. Question 7 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.04

Answered by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change

[Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the impact of the UK Government's reported decision to scrap the Birmingham to Manchester branch line of the HS2 project on transport funding in Wales?



4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.13

Mark Isherwood made a statement on – Diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), and 5 years since the death of Alastair Thomas.

Sioned Williams made a statement on – Celebrating the life and ongoing contribution of Max Boyce, who recently turned 80 and had a statue unveiled for him in his hometown of Glynneath.

Heledd Fychan made a statement on – Celebrating Clwb y Bont in Pontypridd turning forty years old.

5 Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – The Right to Adequate Housing

The item started at 15.19

NDM8365 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Local Government and Housing Committee, ‘The Right to Adequate Housing’, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 12 July 2023.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 27 September 2023.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report – Natural Resources Wales: Annual Scrutiny 2022–23

The item started at 16.01

NDM8367 [Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee report: 'Natural Resources Wales – Annual Scrutiny 2022–23', [laid](#) on 19 May 2023.

Notes: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 7 July 2023.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Bus services

The item started at 16.51

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8369 [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that bus services are essential to the connectivity of Welsh communities and for children travelling to school.
2. Notes that the Confederation of Passenger Transport has warned of further cuts to the provision of Welsh bus services without firm guarantees on long-term funding from the Welsh Government.
3. Regrets that almost 10 per cent of Wales's bus routes were axed over the summer due to the end of Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) funding.
4. Expresses concern that the end of the Rural Development Programme Grant will lead to the full closure of the fflecsi Bwcabus service across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire by 31 October and calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that it's reinstated.
5. Believes that Wales's public transport network could be placed on a sustainable footing if Wales were to receive its fair share of HS2 funding.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to protect, invest in and expand bus services across Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete points 2, 3 and 4 and replace with:

Notes that by the end of 23/24 Welsh Government will have provided over £200m of emergency funding to the bus industry.

Notes the failure of the UK Government to keep its promise that we would not be worse off as a result of Brexit has led to local authorities withdrawing the Bwcabws service.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendment tabled to the motion, the motion was therefore not agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.02

9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.05

NDM8348 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

Parental blame and the pathological demand avoidance profile of autism

The meeting concluded at 18.31

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 10 October 2023