

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 March 2017

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

The item started at 14.15

The first 10 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

3 90 Second Statements



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Wales

The item started at 15.01

Julie Morgan made a statement on International Women's Day.

Russell George made a statement on Janos Arany who wrote The Bards of Wales.

4 Motion to amend Standing Order 23 in relation to Public Petitions

The item started at 15.04

NDM6250 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 33.2:

1. Considers the Report of the Business Committee 'Amending Standing Orders: Standing Order 23 – Public Petitions' [laid](#) in the Table Office on 28 February 2017; and
2. Approves the proposal to revise Standing Order 23, as set out in Annex B of the Report of the Business Committee.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 Debate by Individual Members under Standing Order 11.21(iv)

The item started at 15.04

NDM6210

[Lee Waters \(Llanelli\)](#)

[Jeremy Miles \(Neath\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

[Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that approximately 40 per cent of the workforce is employed in the 'Foundational Economy' supplying essential goods and services such as: infrastructures; utilities; food processing, retailing and distribution; and health, education and care.

2. Recognises that these sectors are often more resilient to external economic shocks and have considerable potential to generate greater local value from the provision of localised goods and services.
3. Regrets that many of the sectors within the Foundation Economy are marked by low paid and insecure jobs
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop a strategy to maximise the impact of the 'Foundational Economy' across Wales as part of its work on developing a new economic strategy, including measures to improve employment conditions in those sectors.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate

The item started at 16.07

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6251 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that secure housing, healthcare, education, and being safe at home, safe at school and in the community builds the foundation for a child's healthy development;
2. Notes the importance of a long term vision for Child Health, which promotes health and well-being from birth.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to improve data collection and the understanding of child health in Wales by:
 - a) extending cancer experience surveys to collect data for under 16s;
 - b) conducting research into peer bullying; and
 - c) re-evaluating perinatal mental health support to ensure consistency across Wales for vulnerable families.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
19	0	36	55

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add at end of point 1:

'and regrets the effects of cuts to housing benefit on the ability of social housing to provide secure housing for children.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	11	55

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add at end of point 2:

'and continues with suitable support for physical and mental health as a child grows up.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#):

Delete point 3(c) and replace with:

'monitoring the progress of the new perinatal mental health support to ensure consistency across Wales for vulnerable families.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
29	6	20	55

Amendment 3 was agreed.

Amendment 4. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

At the end of point 3, insert as new sub-points:

'considering how schools can help to create environments to tackle obesity;
ensuring all schools are able to offer excellent facilities for sports.'

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
55	0	0	55

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6251 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises that secure housing, healthcare, education, and being safe at home, safe at school and in the community builds the foundation for a child's healthy development and regrets the effects of cuts to housing benefit on the ability of social housing to provide secure housing for children;
2. Notes the importance of a long term vision for Child Health, which promotes health and well-being from birth and continues with suitable support for physical and mental health as a child grows up.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to improve data collection and the understanding of child health in Wales by:
 - a) extending cancer experience surveys to collect data for under 16s;
 - b) conducting research into peer bullying;
 - c) monitoring the progress of the new perinatal mental health support to ensure consistency across Wales for vulnerable families.
 - d) considering how schools can help to create environments to tackle obesity; and
 - e) ensuring all schools are able to offer excellent facilities for sports.'

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	0	11	55

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Plaid Cymru debate

The item started at 16.58

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6252 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Calls on the Welsh Government to review the impact of its decision to cut the funding of the family fund, and to either reverse the cuts to the family fund, or establish mechanisms to provide direct financial support to low income families with disabled children at a minimum of at least the same levels previously provided.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1. [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#):

Delete all and replace with:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's

a) £22m Sustainable Social Services grant scheme to support third sector organisations deliver the Welsh Government's ambitious social services agenda which includes supporting families raising disabled or seriously ill children;

b) £42.5m Families First programme, including £3m ring-fenced funding for disabled families;

c) £2.2m annual funding for Citizens Advice Cymru to support targeted groups including families with disabled children and help them access the benefits they are entitled to, which has generated £3.3m in additional benefits between April and December 2016.

2. Recognises that the Family Fund has been allocated the maximum available grant of £1.5m and an additional £400,000 this year to continue supporting families and adapt its funding model for the future.

3. Welcomes the positive impact the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act has had on strengthening the rights of and support of carers, including those looking after disabled or seriously ill children.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	27	55

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the Northern Ireland Executive, Scottish Government and UK Government, in relation to England, have all maintained their funding for the family fund.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	27	1	55

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6252 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

1. Notes the Welsh Government's

a) £22m Sustainable Social Services grant scheme to support third sector organisations deliver the Welsh Government's ambitious social services agenda which includes supporting families raising disabled or seriously ill children;

b) £42.5m Families First programme, including £3m ring-fenced funding for disabled families;

c) £2.2m annual funding for Citizens Advice Cymru to support targeted groups including families with disabled children and help them access the benefits they are entitled to, which has generated £3.3m in additional benefits between April and December 2016.

2. Recognises that the Family Fund has been allocated the maximum available grant of £1.5m and an additional £400,000 this year to continue supporting families and adapt its funding model for the future.

3. Welcomes the positive impact the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act has had on strengthening the rights of and support of carers, including those looking after disabled or seriously ill children.

4. Notes that the Northern Ireland Executive, Scottish Government and UK Government, in relation to England, have all maintained their funding for the family fund.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	17	10	55

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting time

The item started at 17.49

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9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.53

NDM6248 [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Establishing a Welsh Stock Exchange

The meeting concluded at 18.06

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 March 2017