

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 6 June 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 7 was answered by the Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Cabinet Secretary after question 2.

2 Questions to the Counsel General

The item started at 14.22

The 4 questions were asked.

3 Topical Questions

No topical questions were accepted.

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 14.36

Vikki Howells made a statement on Cynon Valley girls key to “Team GB” success in 2018 Aerobic World Championships.

5 Welsh Conservatives debate – Urban Renewal

The item started at 14.38



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Wales

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6734 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of Wales's urban areas as engines of economic growth, learning and creativity.
2. Believes that there is a requirement for an ambitious national strategy for urban renewal in Wales which would help make our towns and cities fit for the 21st Century.
3. Welcomes the Welsh Conservative white paper entitled 'Liveable Cities', which aims to build cities and urban areas that are socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable, and that are built on the principle of the health and well-being of citizens.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
18	0	34	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Notes the importance of supporting communities across all parts of Wales, both urban and rural, to ensure that they are attractive to invest, work, live, visit and study in.

Believes that supporting inclusive growth and building resilient, liveable communities requires a joined up approach to key interventions including economic development, regeneration investment, transport, infrastructure development, planning and skills.

Notes the Welsh Government's recent Economic Action Plan, Targeted Regeneration Investment Fund, Valleys Taskforce Delivery Plan and National Development Framework consultation as the basis for a genuinely cross-government approach to supporting inclusive growth and building resilient, liveable communities.

Recognises the importance of working with partners including local authorities, city and growth deal regions, housing associations, Transport for Wales and the Development Bank of Wales to promote effective place-making.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	1	23	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendment 2 was de-selected.

Amendment 3 – [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on Welsh Government to introduce a clean air Act to tackle illegal and dangerous levels of air pollution in Wales's cities.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	27	53

As required by Standing Order 6.20 the Presiding Officer exercised her casting vote by voting against the amendment. Therefore, the amendment was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6734 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the importance of Wales's urban areas as engines of economic growth, learning and creativity.
2. Notes the importance of supporting communities across all parts of Wales, both urban and rural, to ensure that they are attractive to invest, work, live, visit and study in.

3. Believes that supporting inclusive growth and building resilient, liveable communities requires a joined up approach to key interventions including economic development, regeneration investment, transport, infrastructure development, planning and skills.
4. Notes the Welsh Government's recent Economic Action Plan, Targeted Regeneration Investment Fund, Valleys Taskforce Delivery Plan and National Development Framework consultation as the basis for a genuinely cross-government approach to supporting inclusive growth and building resilient, liveable communities.
5. Recognises the importance of working with partners including local authorities, city and growth deal regions, housing associations, Transport for Wales and the Development Bank of Wales to promote effective place-making.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	12	13	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

6 Plaid Cymru debate – Establishing a publicly owned energy company

The item started at 15.44

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

Plaid Cymru debate – Establishing a publicly owned energy company

NDM6735 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Plaid Cymru's long-standing proposal for establishing a publicly owned energy company, Ynni Cymru.
2. Notes the Welsh Labour party's 2017 manifesto commitment to support "the creation of publicly owned, locally accountable energy companies and co-operatives to rival existing private energy suppliers, with at least one in every region".
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to establish a publicly owned energy company.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	2	40	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Notes the work carried out with stakeholders by Welsh Government indicated we should not pursue a Wales wide energy supply company, but continue to explore other mechanisms of delivering benefits to Wales in line with Welsh Government’s stated priorities and targets.

Recognises the contribution of Welsh Government-funded programmes, such as Warm Homes, Nest and Arbed, Local Energy, Green Growth Wales and the Smart Living programme creating locally owned energy businesses as part of the transition to a low carbon economy.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	2	11	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6735 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes Plaid Cymru’s long-standing proposal for establishing a publicly owned energy company, Ynni Cymru.
2. Notes the Welsh Labour party’s 2017 manifesto commitment to support “the creation of publicly owned, locally accountable energy companies and co-operatives to rival existing private energy suppliers, with at least one in every region”.

3. Notes the work carried out with stakeholders by Welsh Government indicated we should not pursue a Wales wide energy supply company, but continue to explore other mechanisms of delivering benefits to Wales in line with Welsh Government's stated priorities and targets.

4. Recognises the contribution of Welsh Government-funded programmes, such as Warm Homes, Nest and Arbed, Local Energy, Green Growth Wales and the Smart Living programme creating locally owned energy businesses as part of the transition to a low carbon economy.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	4	9	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 United Kingdom Independence Party debate – University Finance

The item started at 16.42

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM6731 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the UK Government's proposed review of university finance as announced on 19 February 2018.

2. Notes the reports from the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development titled: 'Over-qualification and skills mismatch in the graduate labour market' and 'The graduate employment gap: expectations versus reality'.

3. Calls on the UK Government and the Welsh Government to:

a) work together to develop a sustainable model for future student finance;

b) abolish tuition fees for STEM, medical and nursing students; and

c) broaden the scope of the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales to review degree courses for expected earnings, and publish these reviews to all prospective students.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
6	0	46	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's higher education funding review led by Professor Sir Ian Diamond published on 27 September 2016.
 2. Notes that the Diamond Review found that living costs were the main barrier to those making the choice about whether to go to university.
 3. Welcomes the new student finance package for 2018/19 launched by the Welsh Government which means:
 - a) students will receive maintenance support equivalent to the National Living Wage – the most generous in the UK;
 - b) every eligible student can claim a minimum grant of £1,000 that they will not have to pay back; and
 - c) Wales is the first country in Europe to introduce equivalent maintenance support across full-time and part-time undergraduates.
- This will be extended to post-graduate students in 2019.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	25	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

As amendment 1 was agreed, amendments 2 and 3 were de-selected

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM6731 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's higher education funding review led by Professor Sir Ian Diamond published on 27 September 2016.
2. Notes that the Diamond Review found that living costs were the main barrier to those making the choice about whether to go to university.
3. Welcomes the new student finance package for 2018/19 launched by the Welsh Government which means:
 - a) students will receive maintenance support equivalent to the National Living Wage – the most generous in the UK;
 - b) every eligible student can claim a minimum grant of £1,000 that they will not have to pay back; and
 - c) Wales is the first country in Europe to introduce equivalent maintenance support across full-time and part-time undergraduates. This will be extended to post-graduate students in 2019.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	0	16	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 17.19

9 Short Debate

The item started at 17.23

NDM6730 [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)

A Sovereign Wales: Building the proud, sovereign and united country that Wales can and should be.

The meeting concluded at 17.42

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 12 June 2018