

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 17 July 2019

Meeting time: 13.30

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1 Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

The item started at 13.30

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Local Government

The item started at 14.18

The first 8 questions were asked. Questions 1 and 2 were answered by the Deputy Minister. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were received

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.12

Hefin David made a statement on the value of local community theatre.

Jayne Bryant made a statement commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Newport Merchant Navy Branch.



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Llyr Gruffydd made a statement celebrating the success of Richard Jones from Corwen winning the World Shearing Championships in France recently.

5 Statement by the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee – Brexit Priorities

The item started at 15.17

6 Standards of Conduct Committee reports – No motions tabled

No motions tabled

7 Motion to note the annual report on the Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme for 2018 – 19

The item started at 16.02

NDM7126 [Elin Jones \(Ceredigion\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, in accordance with paragraph 8 (8) of Schedule 2 of the Government of Wales Act 2006:

Notes the Annual Report on the Assembly Commission's Official Languages Scheme, [laid](#) before the National Assembly for Wales on 10 July 2019.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

8 Debate on the Children, Young People and Education; Equality, Local Government and Communities; and Finance Committees' joint report: Assessing the impact of budget decisions

The item started at 16.19

NDM7119 Llyr Gruffydd (North Wales)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the joint report of the Finance Committee, Children, Young People and Education Committee and the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee, 'Assessing the impact of budget decisions', which was laid in the Table Office on 25 March 2019.

Co-Submitters

[Lynne Neagle \(Torfaen\)](#)

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

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 Welsh Conservatives debate – Autism

The item started at 17.03

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7124 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the publication of the Evaluation of the Integrated Autism Service and the Autism Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan final report on the 1 April 2019.
2. Further notes the written statement made by the Minister for Health and Social Services published on the 3 April 2019.
3. Regrets that the Welsh Government voted against the implementation of the Autism (Wales) Bill.
4. Acknowledges that, whilst the Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan Annual Report 2018–2019 outlines the Welsh Government’s approach to developing autism services in Wales, there are a lack of outcome measures within the report on the delivery of the Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan 2016.
5. Recognises that whilst some progress has been made to improve autism services in Wales, there are inconsistencies in the service and support offered which impacts on outcomes for autistic people and their families.
6. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the long-term sustainability of the integrated autism service and to deliver high quality autism support services by:
 - a) providing sufficient support and services to autistic people and their families that reflects the wide range of needs that they may have; ensuring that the service meets

the expectations of users and strengthens the autistic voice by moving beyond autism awareness to autism empowerment;

b) developing a clear and consistent monitoring system to allow for more effective reporting of outcomes for autistic people;

c) clarifying the future funding arrangements for the integrated autism service beyond the initial funding period of March 2021 to provide certainty for service users;

d) placing the integrated autism service within a broader approach to support autistic people and to deliver the 'priorities of action' outlined in the Refreshed Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan, including increasing education and employment opportunities;

e) working to implement the recommendations of the Evaluation of the Integrated Autism Service and the Autism Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan as soon as practical.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	0	34	47

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Insert new point at beginning of motion and renumber accordingly:

Believes that in order for people with autism to receive the best services possible, neurodiversity needs to be considered as an equalities issue in its own right, with having a non-neurotypical brain becoming a protected characteristic under equalities legislation, and public services responding accordingly.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	0	27	47

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

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

Delete point 3 and renumber accordingly.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	20	47

Amendment 2 was agreed.

Amendment 3 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

In point 6, delete all after sub-point a and replace with:

building on the monitoring that exists within services to allow for more effective reporting of outcomes for autistic people;

clarifying the future funding arrangements for the integrated autism service beyond the initial funding period of March 2021 once we have the much awaited clarity from the UK Government of our settlement for 2020 – 21 and beyond;

placing the integrated autism service within a broader approach to support autistic people and to deliver the ‘priorities of action’ outlined in the Refreshed Autistic Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan, including increasing education and employment opportunities;

working with partners and stakeholders to consider the recommendations of the Evaluation of the Integrated Autism Service and the Autism Spectrum Disorder Strategic Action Plan.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

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27	0	20	47

Amendment 3 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	1	16	47

The motion as amended was agreed.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 18.07

11 Short Debate

The item started at 18.10

NDM7125 [Mark Reckless \(South Wales East\)](#)

Tax devolution

The meeting concluded at 18.40

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 September 2019