

## Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 April 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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## Llywydd Statement

The item started at 13.30

The Llywydd welcomed Members to the virtual Plenary and set out that this Plenary meeting, being held by video conference in accordance with the Standing Orders of the National Assembly for Wales, constitutes proceedings of the Assembly for the purposes of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

The Llywydd stated that, having consulted with the Business Committee, some of the provisions of Standing Order 34 will apply – all of which were noted on the agenda.

The Llywydd stated that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public have been excluded from attending this Plenary meeting, as is required to protect public health, though the meeting would be broadcast live and the record of proceedings would be published as usual.

The Llywydd also reminded Members that Standing Orders relating to Order and the organisation of business in Plenary meetings would apply to this meeting.

### 1 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 13.33

### 2 Statement by the First Minister: Coronavirus (Covid-19)

The item started at 13.33



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### **3 Statement by the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs: Response to Coronavirus (Covid-19)**

The item started at 14.52

At 16.00, the meeting was suspended for 15 minutes. The proposal under Standing Orders 12.24 and 12.40 to debate the following items together and subject to a single vote was agreed to.

### **4 Debate: The general principles of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill**

The items started at 16.15

#### **Llywydd Ruling**

16.22 – In accordance with SO13.11, the Llywydd required Neil McEvoy to withdraw from Assembly proceedings.

**A vote on the motions under items 4 and 5 was deferred until Voting Time.**

**NDM7307 – [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.

The [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Assembly on 18 November 2019;

The report of Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Assembly on 13 March 2020.

### **5 Motion to agree the financial resolution in respect of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill**

**NDM7308 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

As indicated on the Agenda, today's vote was conducted in accordance with Standing Order 34.11.

Each political group nominated one Member of the group or grouping to carry the same number of votes as there are members of the group. In the case of a political group with an executive role, the nominee will carry the same number of votes as there are members of that group plus any other members of the government. Members who do not belong to a group or grouping voted for themselves.

**Votes were conducted by roll-call.**

As the Assembly had agreed to group the motions on the General Principles and the Financial Resolution of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill for voting, there was one vote as follows.

- On behalf of the Labour Group and the government – John Griffiths (*30 votes*)
- On behalf of the Welsh Conservative Group – Darren Millar (*11 votes*)
- On behalf of Plaid Cymru – Helen Mary Jones (*9 votes*)
- On behalf of the Brexit Party – Caroline Jones (*4 votes*)
- Neil Hamilton

The result of the vote on the motions was:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	25	55

The motions were agreed.

## 6 Voting Time

The item started at 17.30

The meeting concluded at 17.32

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 22 April 2020