

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 20 May 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held by video-conference. Having consulted with the Business Committee, the Llywydd has determined that:

- The quorum for any vote to be valid is four Members, in accordance with Standing Order 34.10;
- In accordance with Standing Order 34.11, each political group (or grouping formed for the purposes of Standing Order 11) may nominate one Member of the group or grouping to carry the same number of votes as there are members of the group or in the case of a political group with an executive role, the members of that group plus any other members of the government;
- The requirements of Standing Order 12.56 regarding oral questions are disapplied, in accordance with Standing Order 34.18.

The Llywydd also gives notice, 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. The meeting will continue to be broadcast live and the record of proceedings will be published as usual.

1 Business Statement and Announcement

(5 mins)

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

(45 mins)

3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

To ask the Minister for Education

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of the higher education sector, following the Wales Governance Centre's report about the financial impact of Covid-19 on universities in Wales?

To ask the Minister for Housing and Local Government

Delyth Jewell (South Wales East): Will the Minister make a statement providing an update on the support and resources that will be available to local authorities in developing contact tracing capacity following publication of the Welsh Government's strategy for lifting the current restrictions?

4 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales: Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

(45 mins)

Motion to suspend Standing Orders (5 mins)

NNDM7325 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8: Suspend Standing Orders 12.20(i), 12.22(i) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow a debate on NNDM7326 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 20 May 2020.

5 Debate: COVID19 – Unlocking our Society and Economy: Continuing the Conversation

(90 mins)

NNDM7326 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the publication of *Unlocking Our Society and Economy: Continuing the Conversation* which sets out how Wales can progressively move out of lockdown
2. Agrees public health should be at the forefront of the decisions about when and how the stay-at-home regulations will be eased
3. Thanks the people of Wales for their ongoing support and commitment to reducing the spread of coronavirus
4. Commends the hard work and dedication of critical workers throughout Wales during the pandemic.

[Unlocking our Society and Economy: Continuing the Conversation](#)

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point after point 1 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that the Welsh Government must work in collaboration with other governments in the United Kingdom as part of a coherent four-nation approach to lifting the lockdown.

Amendment 2 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point after point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises those who have lost their lives during the pandemic and extends its deepest sympathy to those affected by bereavement.

Amendment 3 – [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to update *Unlocking Our Society and Economy* to include:

- a) indicative timescales for the lifting of lockdown measures;

b) details of the milestones and targets to be achieved prior to the lifting of each measure;

c) the establishment of task forces in key ministerial departments to oversee the implementation of the plan; and

d) a proper financial plan to support the delivery of the roadmap.

Amendment 4 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Supports the call by Wales's four Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners for the First Minister to ensure that the maximum fines police can issue for non-compliance with the public health regulations are increased so that restrictions are robustly enforced for as long as they are in place.

Amendment 5 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that having a robust testing and contact tracing system in place is a necessary prerequisite for the substantial lifting of restrictions.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii) amendments 6, 7 and 8 tabled to the motion have not been selected.

Amendment 9 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to press the UK Government to introduce a universal basic income and to explore all other avenues available to the Welsh Government to ensure that a baseline of financial support is available to the people of Wales throughout the phases of the restrictions on our society and economy.

**6 Statement by the Minister for Housing and Local Government:
Coronavirus (COVID-19) – WITHDRAWN**

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following two items together but with separate votes (30 mins)

**7 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales)
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020**

NDM7322 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales)
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 April 2020.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

**8 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales)
(Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020**

NDM7323 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales)
(Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 11 May 2020.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

**9 The Direct Payments to Farmers (Crop Diversification Derogation)
(Wales) Regulations 2020**

(15 mins)

NDM7324 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 27.5:

1. Approves The Direct Payments to Farmers (Crop Diversification Derogation) (Wales) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 29 April 2020.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#)

10 Voting Time

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 11.00, Wednesday, 3 June 2020