

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd/Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 21 October 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Education

The item started at 14.23

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

3 Questions to the Senedd Commission

The item started at 15.09

All questions were asked. Questions 1 and 6 were grouped together for answer.

4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted

5 90 Second Statements

No 90 Second Statements were accepted



In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 15.32 the temporary chair suspended the meeting.

6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – Welsh Hearts Bill

The item started at 15.37

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

NDM7427 [Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Welsh hearts Bill to improve the outcomes for people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests.
2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to place a duty on:
 - a) Welsh Ministers to publish a strategy to improve the outcomes of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and to develop pathways for survival for the whole country;
 - b) local authorities to plan to ensure sufficient access to community defibrillators in each part of their area;
 - c) Welsh Ministers to ensure that training in CPR is provided for people throughout Wales;
 - d) health boards to collaborate in the production of regional pathway of survival for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests; and
 - e) Welsh Ministers to report to the Senedd on the progress of their strategy against objectives every year.

Co-submitters

[Andrew RT Davies \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	11	0	49

The motion was agreed.

7 Debate on Petition P-05-1003: Demand an EIA now on the dumping of radioactively contaminated mud in Welsh waters

The item started at 16.10

NDM7438 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition 'P-05-1003 Demand an EIA now on the dumping of radioactively contaminated mud in Welsh waters' which received 10,692 signatures.

[P-05-1003 Demand an EIA now on the dumping of radioactively contaminated mud in Welsh waters](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 16.40 the Presiding Officer suspended the meeting.

8 Plaid Cymru debate – The future of education

The item started at 16.45

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7440 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) provide timely reassurance to pupils and teachers by making an immediate statement that examinations will not be held in Wales in summer 2021 and will instead be replaced by teacher assessment;

- b) ensure young people have the skills they need for the future and are given a fair opportunity to demonstrate attainment of those skills through a reformed Welsh system of assessment and qualifications aligned to the new curriculum of Wales by scrapping outdated GCSE and A-Level examinations;
- c) ensure that every pupil leaves the education system as bilingual citizens, by:
 - i) taking further steps to ensure the new curriculum facilitates fluency in Welsh as a norm by increasing Welsh medium education in every sector and learning phase; and
 - ii) committing to introducing a Deddf Addysg Gymraeg;
- d) ensure every pupil has an understanding of Wales's diverse heritage and identity by making the history of Wales, including black and people of colour history as an integral part of the history of Wales, a mandatory element in the Curriculum and Assessment Bill;
- e) uphold the rights of all pupils in the Pontypridd area and elsewhere to a Welsh-medium education in their own community and within a reasonable distance to their homes by promoting widely the precedents arising from the administrative court's judgement in *Driver v. RCT County Borough Council* in relation to the proper undertaking of Welsh language impact assessments in school reorganisation proposals;
- f) prioritise the mental health and wellbeing of our students by ensuring the mental health and wellbeing areas of learning and expertise are given due attention in the Curriculum and Assessment Bill, and monitor medium and long-term trends in mental health provision in schools;
- g) urgently, support further education students learning from home by ensuring they have access to adequate broadband provision and equipment, and urgently assess the need to safely reopen public workspaces for students who cannot work at home;
- h) prevent apprentices from slipping into poverty by guaranteeing full wage protections during workplace closures, and provide additional support/guidance if they are made redundant;
- i) uphold the legal rights of students by ensuring they are treated equally to the rest of the public with regards to COVID-19 restrictions, including a guarantee that students can return home before the Christmas period with appropriate testing safeguards in place.

[Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Bill](#)

[England and Wales High Court \(Administrative Court\) Decisions: Driver, R \(On the Application Of\) v Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council \[2020\]](#)

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	0	40	49

The motion without amendment not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete sub-points (a) and (b) and replace with:

'take all steps to ensure that pupils in Wales have the opportunity to sit general and vocational exams this school year, including if the school year is extended;

set a date by which a decision must be made on whether exams will go ahead, with such dates allowing for a credible and robust system of externally moderated centre assessment grades to be implemented instead;'

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	35	49

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

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

Delete sub-point (c) (i) and replace with:

'introducing a Welsh language continuum code to assist practitioners to deliver the aim of improving fluency through the curriculum;'

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	3	35	49

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

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

Insert as new sub-point (c) (ii) and renumber accordingly:

'abiding by the judgment in Driver v. RCT County Borough Council;

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	3	26	49

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Insert as new sub-point after point (c) and renumber accordingly:

'ensure young people have the skills they need for the future and are given a fair opportunity to demonstrate attainment of those skills through an improved system of assessment and general qualifications aligned to the new curriculum of Wales and via access to courses leading to recognised vocational qualifications;'

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	3	35	49

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

Amendment 5 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete sub-point (e) and renumber accordingly.

A vote was taken on amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
11	3	35	49

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Insert as new sub-point after sub-point (g) and renumber accordingly:

'better reflect the recommendations of the Mind Over Matter report and the observations of the Children's Commissioner in delivery of the curriculum, and monitor outcomes;'

[Children, Young People and Education Committee – Mind over matter: A report on the step change needed in emotional and mental health support for children and young people in Wales](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	3	26	49

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Delete sub-point (h) and renumber accordingly.

A vote was taken on amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	2	35	49

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

Amendment 8 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new points at end of motion:

Recognises the disruption caused to pupils' education by the Welsh Government's response to COVID-19.

Recognises the commitment and flexibility of all staff delivering education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A vote was taken on amendment 8:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	9	26	49

Amendment 8 was not agreed.

Amendment 9 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Insert as new sub-point at end of motion:

'make an urgent statement on the support provided to apprentices and trainees.'

A vote was taken on amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	3	26	49

Amendment 9 was not agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), amendment 10 was not selected.

As the Senedd did not agree the motion without amendment, and did not agree the amendments tabled to the motion, the motion is therefore not agreed.

9 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 34.14D, at 17.48 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before voting time.

The item started at 17.54

10 Short Debate

The item started at 18.02

NDM7439 [Joyce Watson \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Broaden the spectrum: adding blue to the green recovery.

Putting our seas at the heart of the green economy and post-COVID-19 social settlement.

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The meeting concluded at 18.18

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