

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 30 December 2020

Meeting time: 10.30

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This meeting was a recall of the Senedd under Standing Order 12.3, held in a virtual format, with Members joining by video-conference.

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 10.30

NDM7531 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Orders 12.20(i) and 12.22(i) to allow NDM7530 to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 30 December 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

1 Debate: The End of the Transition Period

The item started at 10.30

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

NDM7530 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the agreement in principle reached by the UK Government and the EU on our long-term future relationship at the end of the transition period.



2. Notes the UK Government's intention to implement the agreement via a European Union (Future Relationship) Bill.
3. Regrets that it is not in a position to determine legislative consent, given that the Bill has been provided to the Senedd at very short notice and contains provisions capable of impacting on the devolution settlement.
4. Regrets that this damaging deal does not reflect the aspirations of the Senedd as reflected in 'Securing Wales' Future' and 'The Future EU Relationship: Priorities for Wales' but nevertheless, accepts that this deal is less damaging than leaving the transition period without a trade deal.
5. Supports the continued efforts to mitigate the short-term disruption and the long-term harm which will result from the change in our economic relationship with the EU and calls on the UK Government to work with the Welsh Government to that end.

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In accordance with Standing Order 12.23(iii), 6 of the 10 amendments tabled to the motion were not selected.

The following amendments were selected:

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

Delete all and replace with:

1. Welcomes the trade and cooperation agreement between the UK Government and the European Union.
2. Believes that it is in the interests of Wales to extend support for the agreement and to provide legislative consent for its implementation via a European Union (Future Relationship) Bill.
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to work constructively with the UK Government to take advantage of new opportunities for Wales arising from the end of the post-Brexit transition period.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
12	3	37	52

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Regrets that the agreement does not fully reflect the will of the Welsh people, as expressed in the European Union referendum of June 2016, but notes that it does remove the United Kingdom from being subject to the European Union's laws, which has had a damaging impact on our economy and sovereignty, and brings to an end the divisive politics expressed by the denial of the democratic process by remain campaigners.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
3	3	46	52

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

In point 4, delete 'but nevertheless, accepts that this deal is less damaging than leaving the transition period without a trade deal' and replace with 'and believes that it represents a hard Brexit for which there is no mandate and which is not in Wales's interests'.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	1	42	52

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Does not support the Conservative UK Government's deal and calls on Wales's representatives in the UK Parliament to vote accordingly.

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
10	27	15	52

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM7530 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	24	52

The motion was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 34.14D, at 12.07 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before voting time.

2 Voting Time

The item started at 12.14

3 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Update on Coronavirus

The item started at 12.18

The meeting concluded at 13.17

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 12 January 2021