

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 15 June 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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

The Llywydd has determined that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.14A–D, Members will be able to vote from any location by electronic means.

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 Questions to the First Minister

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

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2 Business Statement and Announcement

(30 mins)

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3 Statement by the First Minister: The Programme for Government

(60 mins)

4 Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Services supporting people to recover from COVID-19

(45 mins)

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 5–6 together but with separate votes:

(30 mins)

5 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 11) Regulations 2021

NDM7705 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

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

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 11) Regulations 2021 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 June 2021.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Interim Subordinate Legislation Committee](#)

6 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2021

NDM7709 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

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

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2021 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 June 2021.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Interim Subordinate Legislation Committee](#)

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 7–8 together but with separate votes:

(15 mins)

7 The Plant Health etc. (Fees) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

NDM7706 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

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

1. Approves that the draft The Plant Health etc. (Fees) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 May 2021.

Supporting Documents

[Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[Report of the Interim Subordinate Legislation Committee](#)

8 The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

NDM7707 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

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

1. Approves that the draft The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 18 May 2021.

Supporting Documents

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9 Debate: The UK Levelling Up and Shared Prosperity Funds (60 mins)

NDM7708 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Agrees that the UK Government approach to the Levelling Up Fund and broader EU successor funding does not guarantee that Wales will not be a penny worse off and represents a clear assault on Welsh devolution.

2. Agrees that the pilot UK Community Renewal Fund for 2021–22 represents a significant cut in funding for Wales as the Welsh Government would have received at least £375m each year in the form of EU structural funds.

3. Notes that this cut in available funding threatens jobs and services in Wales.

4. Shares the concerns raised by the Welsh Local Government Association regarding the level of available funding and the process for delivery expressed in its evidence to the Welsh Affairs Committee regarding the UK Government's proposals.

5. Notes the independent UK Industrial Strategy Council's description of the UK Government's Levelling Up plans as 'centrally controlled funding pots thinly spread across a range of initiatives'.

6. Agrees that the UK Government has neither presented nor won a mandate to cut EU successor funds for Wales or unilaterally undermine Welsh devolution.

7. Believes that decisions about Wales should be taken in Wales and that the UK Government must stop using the Internal Market Act to diminish Wales's say.

[UK Community Renewal Fund: prospectus 2021-22](#)

[Welsh Local Government Association – oral evidence to the Welsh Affairs Committee – 27 May 2021](#)

[Industrial Strategy Council Annual Report 2021](#)

[UK Internal Market Act 2020](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the UK shared prosperity fund and its intention to reduce inequalities between communities across the UK.

2. Agrees that the annual budget for the UK shared prosperity fund should be no less than the EU and UK funding streams it replaces.

3. Welcomes the role of local government in the deployment of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

4. Calls upon Her Majesty's Government, local authorities and devolved administrations to develop a system to track and measure the impact and desired outcomes of the fund.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Insert as new points after point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that the UK Government approach to the prioritisation criteria for these funds is inconsistent with that of predecessor EU funding based on need.

Calls for transparency from the UK Government on the prioritisation criteria for these funds to ensure no area in Wales misses out on funding.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to lay before the Senedd an impact assessment showing the effect of these funding arrangements on the distribution of funding across Wales and devolved Welsh decision-making.

10 Voting time

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 16 June 2021