

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 11 January 2023

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 Climate Change

The item started at 13.30

The first 9 questions were asked. Questions 2 and 6 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister and Deputy Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

The item started at 14.24

The first 7 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited Party Spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.11

Answered by the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

[Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact UK Government plans to limit the right to strike will have on workers in Wales?

Answered by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change



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[Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the Minister make a statement on the future of Cardiff Airport in light of Wizz Air's announcement that it is ceasing operations in and out of Wales?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.36

Jack Sargeant, Llyr Gruffydd and Tom Giffard made statements on – Gareth Bale's retirement.

5 Motion under Standing Order 10.5 to appoint the Chair of the Wales Audit Office Board

The item started at 15.42

NDM8169 [Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with paragraph 5(1) to Schedule 1 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013, and under Standing Order 10.5:

Appoints Dr Kathryn Chamberlain as Chair of the Wales Audit Office from 16 March 2023 until 15 March 2027.

Note: The Finance Committee's report on the Appointment of the Non-Executive Members and Chair of the Wales Audit Office was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 January 2023.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate on the Local Government and Housing Committee report – Community Assets

The item started at 15.44

NDM8170 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Local Government and Housing Committee, 'Community Assets', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 13 October 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 4 January 2023.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Liver disease

The item started at 16.40

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8171 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the recent publication of the Quality Statement on Liver Disease by the Welsh Government.
2. Regrets that while 90 per cent of liver disease is preventable, liver disease deaths have doubled in the last two decades and 9 in 10 liver cancer patients die within 5 years of being diagnosed.
3. Recognises that alcohol, obesity and viral hepatitis are the main risk factors for liver disease which is projected to increase with over 3 in 5 people in Wales being overweight or obese and 1 in 5 people in Wales drinking alcohol above recommended levels.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to publish a clear timetable for the delivery of the outcomes and targets in the quality statement, including:
 - a) the doubling of the hepatology workforce, including liver nurse specialists, to address huge variation in access to specialist care;
 - b) when all health boards will have seven-day alcohol care teams in place to meet local need;

c) when and how the all-Wales abnormal liver blood test pathway will be adopted by all GPs to improve the early detection of liver disease.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	29	55

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Recognises the need for the Welsh Government, health boards and the emerging NHS Executive network structures to work closely together to drive forward implementation of the liver disease quality statement and deliver better outcomes on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of liver disease in Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	27	55

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM8171 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

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1. Notes the recent publication of the Quality Statement on Liver Disease by the Welsh Government.
2. Regrets that while 90 per cent of liver disease is preventable, liver disease deaths have doubled in the last two decades and 9 in 10 liver cancer patients die within 5 years of being diagnosed.

3. Recognises that alcohol, obesity and viral hepatitis are the main risk factors for liver disease which is projected to increase with over 3 in 5 people in Wales being overweight or obese and 1 in 5 people in Wales drinking alcohol above recommended levels.

4. Recognises the need for the Welsh Government, health boards and the emerging NHS Executive network structures to work closely together to drive forward implementation of the liver disease quality statement and deliver better outcomes on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of liver disease in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	10	0	55

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Welsh Conservatives Debate – Wales Air Ambulance bases reorganisation

The item started at 17.28

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM8172 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the invaluable work of the Wales Air Ambulance service in saving lives.
2. Notes the significant public concerns regarding proposals to centralise the north and mid Wales air ambulance service at a single location.
3. Acknowledges petitions of more than 20,000 signatures calling for the retention of bases at Welshpool and Caernarfon.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with its NHS partners and the Welsh Air Ambulance Charitable Trust to ensure that air ambulance bases in Welshpool and Caernarfon remain in operation.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
27	0	28	55

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee is undertaking formal engagement as part of a review of the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Services (EMRTS) Cymru service.

Notes the review is intended to ensure patients who need the service can access it no matter where they live in Wales or when they need it.

Notes no options or proposals have yet been agreed, nor decisions made.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	27	55

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM8172 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Recognises the invaluable work of the Wales Air Ambulance service in saving lives.

2. Notes the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee is undertaking formal engagement as part of a review of the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Services (EMRTS) Cymru service.

3. Notes the review is intended to ensure patients who need the service can access it no matter where they live in Wales or when they need it.

4. Notes no options or proposals have yet been agreed, nor decisions made.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	27	55

The motion as amended was agreed.

9 Voting Time

The item started at 18.25

10 Short Debate

The item started at 18.30

NDM8167 [Peter Fox \(Monmouth\)](#)

The current challenges facing the health and social care system in Wales, and opportunities for future service transformation

The meeting concluded at 18.58

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 17 January 2023