

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd/Zoom

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 15 December 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 First Minister

The item started at 13.30

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

The Deputy Minister and Chief Whip answered the first 5 questions for the last 15 minutes of this session on matters relating to her responsibilities.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.48

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 15.07

NDM7527 [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 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 NNDM7522, NNDM7525, NNDM7526 to be considered in Plenary on Tuesday 15 December 2020.



The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 15.08

NDM7524 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

Suspends 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 NNDM7523 to be considered in Plenary on Tuesday 15 December 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 15.09 the Llywydd suspended the meeting.

3 Statement by the Minister for Mental Health, Well-being and Welsh Language: Publication of the national policy on Welsh language transmission and use in families – Postponed

The item was postponed

4 Statement by the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition: The End of the Transition Period

The item started at 15.19

In accordance with Standing Order 12.24 items 5–7 were grouped for debate with separate votes:

5 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions and Functions of Local Authorities) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2020

The item started at 15.49

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

NDM7512 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions and Functions of Local Authorities) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 3 December 2020.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	9	13	52

The motion was agreed.

6 The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Restrictions) (Amendment) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2020

The item started at 15.49

NDM7516 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Restrictions) (Amendment) (No. 3) (Wales) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 December 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 4) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

The item started at 15.49

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

NDM7526 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 4) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 11 December 2020.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	8	5	52

The motion was agreed.

8 The Public Health (Protection from Eviction) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020

The item started at 16.14

NNDM7522 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves The Public Health (Protection from Eviction) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 10 December 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (School Premises and Further Education Institution Premises) (Wales) Regulations 2020

The item started at 16.21

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

NDM7525 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (School Premises and Further Education Institution Premises) (Wales) Regulations 2020 [laid](#) in the Table Office on 11 December 2020.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
40	0	12	52

The motion was agreed.

10 The Food and Feed Hygiene and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments and Saving Provision) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The item started at 16.40

NDM7509 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves that the draft The Food and Feed Hygiene and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments and Saving Provision) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 are made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 November 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

11 The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Qualifications) (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The item started at 16.44

NDM7508 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves that the draft The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Qualifications) (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 November 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

12 The Plant Health (Amendment etc.) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The item started at 16.46

NDM7507 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves that the draft The Plant Health (Amendment etc.) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 are made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 November 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.24 items 13–14 were grouped for debate with separate votes:

13 The Direct Payments to Farmers and Rural Affairs (Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The item started at 16.49

NDM7511 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves that the draft The Direct Payments to Farmers and Rural Affairs (Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 are made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 November 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

14 The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The item started at 16.49

NDM7510 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves that the draft The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 are made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 24 November 2020.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

15 The Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2020

The item started at 16.57

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

NDM7506 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

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

1. Approves that the draft The Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2020 is made in accordance with the draft [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 December 2020.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	9	5	52

The motion was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 17.00 the Deputy Presiding Officer suspended the meeting.

16 Legislative Consent Motion on the Trade Bill – Postponed

This item was postponed

17 Debate: New Coronavirus Restrictions

The item started at 17.13

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

NDM7523 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Written Statement issued by the First Minister on 11 December 2020 about new levels of restrictions to respond to the coronavirus pandemic in Wales.

[Written Statement: Updated Covid control plan for Wales – 11 December 2020](#)

The following amendments were tabled:

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), amendments 1 and 2 tabled to be the motion were not selected.

Amendment 3 [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the new levels of restrictions are disproportionate and damaging to businesses and livelihoods across Wales.

Co-Submitters

[Mark Reckless](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
5	1	46	52

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 [Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Government has consistently taken a different COVID-19 strategy from the UK Government.

Co-Submitters

[Mark Reckless](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
4	1	47	52

Amendment 4 was not agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), amendment 5 tabled to the motion was not selected.

Amendment 6 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the announcement of new alert levels in Wales that allow for the regional and local application of restrictions in response to the scientific evidence and differences in coronavirus infection rates in different parts of the country.

A vote was taken on amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
43	0	9	52

Amendment 6 was agreed.

Amendment 7 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for restrictions and isolation support to reflect as much as possible the different sustained levels of infection in different regions of Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
20	0	32	52

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), amendment 8 tabled to the motion was not selected.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to develop detailed plans for the safe reopening of key sectors such as hospitality, culture and sport venues based on direct engagement between sector representatives and the Welsh Government's scientific advisors.

A vote was taken on amendment 9:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
51	0	1	52

Amendment 9 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7523 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes the Written Statement issued by the First Minister on 11 December 2020 about new levels of restrictions to respond to the coronavirus pandemic in Wales.

2. Welcomes the announcement of new alert levels in Wales that allow for the regional and local application of restrictions in response to the scientific evidence and differences in coronavirus infection rates in different parts of the country.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to develop detailed plans for the safe reopening of key sectors such as hospitality, culture and sport venues based on direct engagement between sector representatives and the Welsh Government's scientific advisors.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
46	1	5	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.24 items 18–19 were grouped for debate with separate votes:

18 The General Principles of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill

The item started at 18.29

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

NDM7513 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill.

The [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 6 July 2020.

The report of the Children, Young People and Education Committee on the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 4 December 2020.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.23 (iii), amendment 1 tabled to the motion was not selected.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	1	10	52

The motion was agreed.

19 The Financial Resolution in respect of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill

The item started at 18.29

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

NDM7514 [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Bill](#), agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
38	8	6	52

The motion was agreed.

20 Voting Time

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 19.49 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before voting time.

The item started at 19.58

The meeting concluded at 20.09

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 16 December 2020