

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 19 January 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting was held in a virtual format, with Members joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Minister for Economy

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1, 2, 4 and 6–9 were asked. Questions 3 and 5 were withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The item started at 14.20

Questions 2–9 were asked. Question 1 was withdrawn. Questions 4 and 9 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Social Services, and questions 6–8 were answered by the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister and the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing after question 3.

3 Topical Questions

The item started at 15.09

Answered by the Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip:



[Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#): What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the licence fee freeze on Welsh broadcasting?

4 90 Second Statements

The item started at 15.18

Janet Finch–Saunders made a statement to congratulate Her Majesty’s Coastguard on its 200th anniversary of service.

5 Debate on petition P–06–1243 Reinstate cervical screening to every three years

The item started at 15.21

NDM7887 [Jack Sargeant \(Alyn and Deeside\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition ‘P–06–1243 Reinstate cervical screening to every 3 years’ which received 30,133 signatures.

[P–06–1243 Reinstate cervical screening to every 3 years](#)

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Welsh Conservatives debate – Covid restrictions

The item started at 16.06

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

NDM7891 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that sport, recreation and exercise are essential for people’s physical and mental health.

2. Recognises the impact on the Welsh hospitality industry of the latest COVID-19 restrictions.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to outline a roadmap to easing restrictions, to include:

a) permitting more than 50 people to exercise outdoors together;

b) removing the rule of six in hospitality and cinemas; and

c) ending the restrictions on the number of people that can attend an outdoor sporting event.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
13	11	28	52

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

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

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Welcomes the Welsh Government's decision to:

a) ease restrictions from 15 January so that outdoor events involving up to 500 people or spectators can take place;

b) remove wider protections for outdoor events from 21 January, if conditions allow;

c) complete the move to alert level zero from 28 January, if conditions allow; and

d) review all alert level zero protections and announce any changes on 11 February.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
39	0	13	52

Amendment 1 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7891 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes that sport, recreation and exercise are essential for people's physical and mental health.
2. Recognises the impact on the Welsh hospitality industry of the latest COVID-19 restrictions.

Welcomes the Welsh Government's decision to:

- a) ease restrictions from 15 January so that outdoor events involving up to 500 people or spectators can take place;
- b) remove wider protections for outdoor events from 21 January, if conditions allow;
- c) complete the move to alert level zero from 28 January, if conditions allow; and
- d) review all alert level zero protections and announce any changes on 11 February.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	53

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Plaid Cymru debate – The cost of living

The item started at 16.57

NDM7890 [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish an emergency cost-of-living action plan to tackle the pressures caused by the twin problems of surging costs and stagnating wages

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, at 18.02 proceedings were suspended to allow a technical break before Voting Time.

8 Voting Time

The item started at 18.05

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9 Short Debate

The item started at 18.07

NDM7888 [Jane Dodds \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

Getting around: free public transport for young people.

The meeting concluded at 18.26

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 25 January 2022