

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 25 March 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(189)

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 – 2 and 4 – 15 were asked. Question 3 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after Question 2.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.18

3 Statement by the First Minister: Policy Statement on the Welsh Language – Response to Reports on Mentrau Iaith and Welsh Speaking Communities

The item started at 14.27

4 The Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Detection of Fraud) (Wales) Regulations 2014

The item started at 14.56

NDM5473 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5

Approves that the draft The Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Detection of Fraud) (Wales) Regulations 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 7 January 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5 The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2014

The item started at 14.56

NDM5472 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales; in accordance with Standing Order 27.5

Approves that the draft The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2014 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 4 March 2014.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

6 Debate: Delivery of Fire and Rescue Services in Wales

The item started at 14.58

NDM5474 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the Welsh Government's work with Fire and Rescue Services in Wales to deliver safer communities for citizens.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern the rise in attacks on fire and rescue crews and the impact this has on delivering safer communities.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for a robust joint evaluation of fire safety interventions by the Welsh Government, Fire and Rescue Services and the third sector.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the essential work undertaken by fire fighters – on whom Welsh communities rely for much more than fire fighting.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes there should be a national approach to fire and rescue service in which strategic operational decisions are made on the basis of service need.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	11	0	52

Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward proposals to examine the structure of Fire and Rescue Services in Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	11	52

Amendment 5 was agreed.

Amendment 6 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to work closely with Fire and Rescue Authorities to ensure proper provision, particularly in rural areas.

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
52	0	0	52

Amendment 6 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5474 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the Welsh Government's work with Fire and Rescue Services in Wales to deliver safer communities for citizens.
2. Notes with concern the rise in attacks on fire and rescue crews and the impact this has on delivering safer communities.
3. Calls for a robust joint evaluation of fire safety interventions by the Welsh Government, Fire and Rescue Services and the third sector.
4. Recognises the essential work undertaken by fire fighters – on whom Welsh communities rely for much more than fire fighting.

5. Believes there should be a national approach to fire and rescue service in which strategic operational decisions are made on the basis of service need.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to bring forward proposals to examine the structure of Fire and Rescue Services in Wales.

7. Calls on the Welsh Government to work closely with Fire and Rescue Authorities to ensure proper provision, particularly in rural areas.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	11	0	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

7 Debate: Tackling Housing Related Anti-Social Behaviour

The item started at 15.45

NDM5475 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the negative impact that housing related anti-social behaviour can have on people and on their health and well-being;
2. Notes the findings of the Welsh Government's research "Wales Anti-Social behaviour: Policy and Practice Review" as a foundation for further action; and
3. Calls on relevant public and third sector organisations to work together more effectively to address housing related anti-social behaviour.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 2 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that anti-social behaviour policies and procedures are most effective when focused on early intervention, prevention, and cooperation between agencies.

Amendment 1 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

In point 2, after ‘findings’ insert ‘and key recommendations’.

Amendment 2 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete point 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that relevant public and third sector organisations work together more effectively to address housing related anti-social behaviour.

Amendment 3 was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

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

Amendment 4 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the extensive overlap between areas such as housing, anti-social behaviour, community safety and policing, and believes that housing related anti-social behaviour could be more effectively tackled if all these areas were to be devolved.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	11	52

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM5475 Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the negative impact that housing related anti-social behaviour can have on people and on their health and well-being;
2. Believes that anti-social behaviour policies and procedures are most effective when focused on early intervention, prevention, and cooperation between agencies;

3. Notes the findings and key recommendations of the Welsh Government’s research “Wales Anti-Social behaviour: Policy and Practice Review” as a foundation for further action;

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that relevant public and third sector organisations work together more effectively to address housing related anti-social behaviour; and

5. Recognises the extensive overlap between areas such as housing, anti-social behaviour, community safety and policing, and believes that housing related anti-social behaviour could be more effectively tackled if all these areas were to be devolved.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
41	0	11	52

The motion as amended was agreed.

8 Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Education (Wales) Bill

The item started at 16.28

At the conclusion of Stage 3 the Minister may propose that the Bill be passed in accordance with Standing Order 26.47.

Stage 4 Standing Order 26.47 motion to approve the Education (Wales) Bill.

The result was as follows

For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	11	4	52

The motion was agreed.

Voting Time

The item started at 16.41

The meeting concluded at 16.44

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 26 March 2014