

Third Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (229)

Date: Wednesday, 17 November 2010

Time: 13.30

William Graham was nominated as Temporary Deputy Presiding Officer for the duration of the meeting.

13.30

Item 1: Questions to the Minister for Business and Budget

The first 9 questions were answered. Questions 4 and 7 were withdrawn.

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14.09

Item 2: Questions to the Minister for Heritage

The first 7 questions were answered.

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14.50

Item 3: Questions to the Assembly Commission

The questions were answered.

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14.57

Item 4: Motion to appoint a Standards Commissioner

NDM4584 Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly)

To Propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Expresses its gratitude for the contribution of Richard Penn during the eleven years he has served the Assembly, first as Adviser on Standards and then as Commissioner for Standards;
2. Acting under section 1(2) of the National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009, appoints Gerard Elias QC as National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards under that Measure, for a term of six years beginning on 1 December 2010."

The motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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15.01

Item 5: Debate on the Future of Welsh Broadcasting

NNDM4583

Eleanor Burnham (North Wales);

Alun Davies (Mid and West Wales);

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales);

Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)

The National Assembly for Wales believes an independent S4C is essential for the future of public broadcasting and the Creative Industries in Wales.

The motion was agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 7.35.

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15.43

Item 6: Welsh Conservatives Debate

NDM4588 Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes with concern the increasing prevalence of many public health problems in Wales;
2. Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to focus resources on preventative measures, to achieve better public health outcomes.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	0	31	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the increase in life expectancy in Wales which is a key indicator of improvement in public health;
2. Notes the public health challenges that remain;
3. Notes that the Welsh Assembly Government is on course to meet the One Wales commitment on public health, through the "Our Healthy Future" strategy.

One Wales:

<http://wales.gov.uk/about/programmeforgovernment/strategy/publications/one-wales/?skip=1&lang=en>

Further information on the Welsh Assembly Government's "Our Healthy Future" approach can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/health/ocmo/healthy/?lang=en>

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	0	15	46

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to do all it can to support environmental health capacity in Wales so that environmental health services have the critical mass to properly address current and potential public health issues.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
44	1	0	45

Amendment 2 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the increase in life expectancy in Wales which is a key indicator of improvement in public health;
2. Notes the public health challenges that remain;
3. Notes that the Welsh Assembly Government is on course to meet the One Wales commitment on public health, through the "Our Healthy Future" strategy.
4. Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to do all it can to support environmental health capacity in Wales so that environmental health services

have the critical mass to properly address current and potential public health issues.

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Further information on the Welsh Assembly Government's "Our Healthy Future" approach can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
37	0	9	46

The motion as amended was agreed.

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16.43

Item 7: Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)

NDM4590 Peter Black (South Wales West)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Expresses concern that the continuity of agri-environmental improvements delivered by the Tir Gofal and Tir Cynnal schemes could be lost under the introduction of Glastir;
2. Acknowledges the importance of Tir Mynydd in maintaining the viability of farming in less-favoured areas and expresses concern that the loss of Tir Mynydd payments will have a negative effect on farmers who operate in these areas;
3. Notes that the environmental improvements that the government seeks to deliver through Glastir will only be delivered if the scheme is attractive to land owners, and farmers are able to participate; and
4. Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to:
 - a) delay the implementation date of Glastir;
 - b) revise the application criteria and establish a second round of applications to enable more farmers to benefit from the scheme; and
 - c) establish a target for the number of farmers to join the scheme.

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

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	1	30	46

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

Delete all and replace with:

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges the achievements of the current agri-environmental schemes;
2. Notes that the existing agri-environmental schemes do not and were not designed to meet the future challenges of climate change, carbon capture and water management, as set out in the Common Agricultural Policy Health check;
3. Notes that Glastir will not be fully up and running until 2014 and welcomes the transitional arrangements put in place for Tir Cynnal, Tir Gofal and Tir Mynydd for 2012 and 2013.

The Common Agricultural Policy Health check can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:030:0016:0016:EN:PDF>

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
31	0	15	46

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Nick Ramsay (Monmouth)

Insert as new point 4 and renumber:

Recognises the risk that low participation in Glastir will lead to land abandonment in the uplands and the detrimental social and environmental impact this will have.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	1	30	46

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Acknowledges the achievements of the current agri-environmental schemes;
2. Notes that the existing agri-environmental schemes do not and were not designed to meet the future challenges of climate change, carbon capture and water management, as set out in the Common Agricultural Policy Health check;
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For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	15	45

The motion as amended was agreed.

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**17.39
Voting Time**

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**17.42
Item 8: Short Debate (30 mins)**

NDM4589 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire):

Health Services in Pembrokeshire

The meeting concluded at 18.07.

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30 on Tuesday, 23 November 2010.

Chamber Secretariat