

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 2 July 2014

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Agenda

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1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources and Food (45 mins)

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2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Regeneration (45 mins)

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Urgent Question

Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales): Will the First Minister make a statement on the advice received by the Minister for Natural Resources and Food that he should not comment on matters relating to the Circuit of Wales, which was revealed in the Permanent Secretary's report that was placed in the library on 1 July?

3 Debate on the Finance Committee's Report on Higher Education Funding (60 mins) NDM5544 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Finance Committee on its inquiry into Higher Education Funding, which was laid in the Table Office on 3 June 2014.

Note: The Welsh Government's response to the report was laid in the Table Office on 25 June 2014

Supporting Documents

[Finance Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's Response](#)

4 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5546 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of tourism to the Welsh economy;
2. Regrets:
 - a) the lack of Welsh Government funding for Visit Wales;
 - b) the Welsh Government's decision to disband the Regional Tourism Partnerships;
 - c) the Welsh Government's narrow ambition for improving overseas visitor numbers to Wales;
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to revisit how it consults and is guided by tourism providers in Wales.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Delete points 2 and 3 and replace with:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that the tourism industry can maximise the potential of our rich heritage and diverse environment as well as capitalising on cultural and sporting events.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new subpoint 2b and renumber accordingly:

that poor broadband and mobile coverage in rural areas hinders the competitiveness and accessibility of businesses within the tourism sector;

Amendment 3 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to improve the collection and monitoring of tourism related data and market intelligence to inform strategic priorities for tourism in Wales.

5 Plaid Cymru Debate (60 mins)

NDM5545 Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery.
2. Notes that the report does not deal comprehensively with public services, particularly the health service, due to the terms of reference set down by the Welsh Government.
3. Believes that there is a need to provide a democratic mandate for a strategic long-term package of public service delivery reform.
4. Further believes that the balance of competencies and delivery of public services between national, regional and community government is best debated and resolved

by means of party manifestos during the next Assembly election.

The report of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery is available at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/improvingservices/public-service-governance-and-delivery/report/?lang=en>

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham)

Delete point 2.

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that public services would be improved by the increased accountability provided by a fair voting system.

Amendment 3 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the report calls for an enhancement of the involvement of citizens and communities in the co-production of the development and delivery of services.

Amendment 4 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the report states 'the third sector can provide access to users' experience of services and can help to ensure the systematic and sustainable engagement of communities as well as the expertise of the sector in diverse policy and service areas'.

Amendment 5 – Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the need for full cost evaluations before any action is taken on structural changes to public services.

Voting Time

6 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5543 Peter Black (South Wales West)

The administration of the blue badges scheme by local councils and the Welsh Government

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 8 July 2014