

Plenary

Meeting date:
Tuesday, 15 May 2012

Meeting time:
13:30

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National
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Wales



Votes and Proceedings

(64)

1. Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13:30.

Questions 1–11, and question 13 were asked. Question 12 was withdrawn.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 14.11

3. Statement by the Minister for Education and Skills: Transformation– Collaborative Delivery

The item started at 14.16

4. Mental Health (Primary Care Referrals and Eligibility to Conduct Primary Mental Health Assessments) (Wales) Regulations 2012

The item started at 14.49

NDM4983 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

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

Approves that the draft The Mental Health (Primary Care Referrals and Eligibility to Conduct Primary Mental Health Assessments) (Wales) Regulations 2012 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 24 April 2012.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

5. Debate on Together for Health – Six Month Progress Report

The item started at 14.53

NDM4981 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:
Notes progress in implementing "Together for Health".

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert at end of motion:

"and calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) demonstrate full accountability for the NHS; and
- b) clearly outline the financial and clinical reasons for any hospital reconfiguration proposals.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

The remainder of the voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the Welsh Government's 'Together for Health' agenda includes plans to reduce the number of hospital sites providing 24/7 consultant-led accident and emergency services.

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	0	23	44

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises the cross-party consensus against the downgrading of local hospitals and health services across Wales.

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
21	0	24	45

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide full details of any proposed changes to NHS service delivery as a result of “Together for Health” at the earliest opportunity so as to facilitate informed debates at a local level.

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
45	0	0	45

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM4981 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes progress in implementing "Together for Health" and calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) demonstrate full accountability for the NHS; and
- b) clearly outline the financial and clinical reasons for any hospital reconfiguration proposals.

Calls on the Welsh Government to provide full details of any proposed changes to NHS service delivery as a result of “Together for Health” at the earliest opportunity so as to facilitate informed debates at a local level.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	10	45

The motion as amended was agreed.

6. Debate on The Welsh Government's Active Travel Policy

The item started at 15.41

NDM4982 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the Welsh Government's active travel policies and the potential of active travel to tackle poverty, improve public health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern that Wales is currently not on course to meet key targets defined in the Welsh Governments Walking and Cycling Action Plan.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 2 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the comments made by the Climate Change Commission for Wales in its First Annual Report that the Government has made uncertain progress in encouraging behavioural change for smarter choices of travel.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 3 – William Graham (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish an annual report on the cumulative impact of its active travel initiatives on greenhouse gas emissions in Wales.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 4 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that local pedestrian and cycle routes are linked to each other and other transport hubs to create viable regional and national routes.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Amendment 5 – Peter Black (South Wales West)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes all major planning developments should be required to take into account the need for easy access by pedestrians and cyclists.

The amendment was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

NDM4982 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the Welsh Government's active travel policies and the potential of active travel to tackle poverty, improve public health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Notes with concern that Wales is currently not on course to meet key targets defined in the Welsh Governments Walking and Cycling Action Plan.

Notes the comments made by the Climate Change Commission for Wales in its First Annual Report that the Government has made uncertain progress in encouraging behavioural change for smarter choices of travel.

Calls on the Welsh Government to publish an annual report on the cumulative impact of its active travel initiatives on greenhouse gas emissions in Wales.

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure that local pedestrian and cycle routes are linked to each other and other transport hubs to create viable regional and national routes.

Believes all major planning developments should be required to take into account the need for easy access by pedestrians and cyclists.

The motion, as amended, was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

Voting Time

Voting time started at 16.25

The meeting concluded at 16:29

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13:30, Wednesday, 16 May 2012