

BUSINESS PAPERS

PART 2 – SECTION H

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR THURSDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 2000

The Session commenced at 9.05am

The Presiding Officer stated that having reviewed Alun Cairns' contribution to the plenary proceedings on Lloyds Bank on Tuesday 14th November he had concluded that it was not in breach of Standing Order 4.6.

9.05 am

Local Government Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Communities

The first **5** questions were reached.

9.21 am

Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for the Environment

The first **6** questions were reached. Question 1 was withdrawn

9.40 am

The Minister for Finance, Local Government and Communities made a statement about the Bellwin compensation scheme

10.00 am

Rosemary Butler raised a point of order about the disproportionate regional focus of contributions to the previous item. The Presiding Officer said that he sought to achieve a balance of viewpoints.

Ieuan Wyn Jones raised a point of order about the ruling by the Speaker of the House of Commons about the use of the term "First Secretary" in their proceedings. **The Presiding Officer** said that it had been agreed to amend the Assembly's Standing Orders to include a reference to "Ministers".

10.10 am

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair

Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru - the Party of Wales

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education to hold discussions with Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC) and the Welsh Local Government Association in order to (a) obtain a clear understanding of the legal status and financial circumstances of the WJEC, ensuring that the outcome of these discussions, including any financial audit is brought to the attention of the Assembly and (b) to ensure that effective steps be taken to guarantee the future of this crucially important national body.

The following amendments were tabled:

1. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

Delete the words "ensuring that the outcome of these discussions, including any financial audit is brought to the attention of the Assembly" and replace with:

"and to lay a report outlining the conclusions of these discussions before the Assembly prior to the end of January 2001"

2. Andrew Davies (Swansea West)

After "Assembly" delete all text and replace with:

The National Assembly calls upon the Minister for Education to hold discussions with Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC) and the Welsh Local Government Association in order to (a) obtain a clear understanding of the legal status and financial circumstances of the WJEC, ensuring that the outcome of these discussions is brought to the attention of the Assembly and (b) to report on steps taken to safeguard the future of this crucially important national body.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 7; Abstain 0; Against 45; Total 52

Amendment 1 fell

Amendment 2

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 23; Total 52

Amendment 2 was carried

The motion, as amended

For 45; Abstain 0; Against 7; Total 52

The motion, as amended, was carried

11.09am

Debate on the Sustainable Development Scheme

To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Adopts as its Sustainable Development Scheme, in accordance with Section 121(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, the document entitled 'Learning to Live Differently' laid in the Table Office on 9 November 2000;
2. Requests the Minister for Environment to develop an Action Plan in consultation with Assembly Members and others for implementing the Scheme
3. Requests the Minister for Environment to bring forward practical options to ensure that Sustainable Development is mainstreamed and promoted within the Assembly's structures
4. Requests the Minister for Environment to bring forward within three months an initial set of indicators of sustainable development that take account of responses to the document "A Sustainable Wales - Measuring the Difference", consultation on which closed on 27 October.
5. Thanks all individuals and organisations who responded to that consultation document.

The following amendments were tabled:

1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

At the end of point 1 add: "instructs the Executive to use this Scheme as the basis of an application for a European Regional Innovation Grant"

2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at the end of amended point 1 add : " and notes that the key policies documents which will contribute to sustainable development should include Better Wales.com and Building Excellent Schools Together"

3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add at the end of point two: "within three months with provision for periodical updating thereafter"

4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Under Point 3 of the motion after 'practical options' add "within three months"

5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

After point 4 insert new point 5 "Requests all Ministers to demonstrate how they are promoting Sustainable Development in the exercise of their functions"

6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East); WITHDRAWN

After new bullet point 5 insert new point 6 and renumber accordingly :

"Emphasises the importance of adequate training of local government officials and calls upon the Executive to put in place procedures for monitoring the promotion of sustainable development by local government

7. David Davies (Monmouth);

Insert new point 2 and renumber accordingly;

"Requests that the Minister for Environment conducts an immediate review of planning policy and guidance in Wales to ensure that all available policy and guidance puts sustainable development as the number one priority."

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

Amendment 1 was carried

Amendment 2

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

Amendment 2 was carried

Amendment 3

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

Amendment 3 was carried

Amendment 4

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

Amendment 4 was carried

Amendment 5

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

Amendment 5 was carried

Amendment 7

For 23; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 51

Amendment 7 fell

The motion, as amended

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

The motion, as amended, was carried

12.07pm

Short Debate: Lorraine Barrett (Cardiff South and Penarth); The contribution of the Co-operative and mutual sector to the promotion of social inclusion and community involvement in Wales

The session concluded at 12.30pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 21st November 2000

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET IN PLENARY

DOCUMENTS LAID ON 15 NOVEMBER 2000

Historic Buildings Council for Wales 44th Annual Report 1999-2000

DOCUMENTS LAID ON 14 NOVEMBER 2000

Annual Report of the Assembly's House Committee

The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000

LC137 - Legislation Committee Report - The Common Agricultural Policy Support Schemes (Modulation) (Wales) Regulations 2000

LC138 - Legislation Committee Report - The Learning and Skills Act 2000 (Commencement No.2) (Wales) Order 2000

The Teachers (Compulsory Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2000

Annual Report of the Committee on Standards of Conduct

Business Committee Report to the Assembly on proposals for changes to the Assembly's Standing Orders in accordance with Standing Order 26.1

