

Second Assembly Plenary Meeting

Votes and Proceedings (240)

Date: Wednesday, 6th December 2006

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2.00pm

Item 1: Motion to elect a Planning Decision Committee

NDM3359 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly resolves:

1. That a Committee, to be known as Planning Decision Committee (2) 2007-1, be established in accordance with Standing Order 17 of the Assembly to discharge those functions of the Assembly in respect of the matters identified in the Schedule to this motion which are indicated in respect of each matter in that schedule and that the Assembly's functions in those respects be delegated to that Committee.

2. That the members of that Committee be:

Carwyn Jones (Chair)

Glyn Davies

Tamsin Dunwoody

Elin Jones

3. That the Committee shall cease to exist when the Chair of the Committee signs the decision letter in accordance with Standing Order 17.16 or on the 26 January 2007, whichever is the earlier.

4. That if the Committee shall cease to exist without the Chair having signed a decision letter in respect of the matter identified in the Schedule to this motion then in that event the functions identified in paragraph 1 above are, in relation to such matter, delegated to the First Minister.

SCHEDULE

CALLED IN PLANNING APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 77 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 BY MERTHYR VILLAGE LIMITED FOR:

(PHASE 1) FULL APPLICATION (REF. 020060) - RECLAMATION AND LANDSCAPE

RESTORATION OF 83 HA OUT OF 244 HA OF DERELICT AND DESPOILED LAND INCLUDING TIP REPROFILING AND COAL RECOVERY FROM SELECTED SPOIL TIPS.

(PHASE 2) OUTLINE APPLICATION (REF. 020260) - COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME TO PROVIDE RETAIL, LEISURE, OFFICES, HOTEL, FOOTBALL STADIUM, COUNTRY PARK, AND RESIDENTIAL USES WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, SERVICING, PARKING AND LANDSCAPING.

ON LAND AT RHYDYCAR, MERTHYR TYDFIL, BOUNDED BY THE A470 TO THE EAST AND HEOLGERRIG TO THE NORTH.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
26	0	0	26

The motion was agreed.

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2.00pm

Item 2: Questions to Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice and Regeneration

The first 10 questions were answered.

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2.32pm

Item 3: Questions to Andrew Davies, Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks

The first 11 questions were answered. Questions 2 and 7 were grouped together for answer.

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3.18pm

Item 4: Questions to the Business Minister on her responsibilities other than for business

The first 13 questions were answered. Question 3 & 6 and 7,8 & 12 were grouped together for answer. Question 11 was transferred for written answer by the Minister for Enterprise, Innovation and Networks and question 14 was not asked.

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3.45pm

Item 5: Statement by the Minister for Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills: The change of policy for under 7 year olds and its financial implications

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Item 6: Motion to approve The Avian Influenza (H5N1 in Wild Birds) (Wales) Order 2006 under Standing Order 24.27(iv)

No motion was tabled.

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Item 7: Motion to approve The Avian Influenza (H5N1 in Poultry) (Wales) Order 2006 under Standing Order 24.27 (iv)

No motion was tabled.

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4.13pm

Item 8: Motion to approve The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2006

NDM3360 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2006 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 7 November 2006.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

For	Abstain	Against	Total

36	0	0	36
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The principle of the Order was agreed.

NDM3361 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 21 November 2006 in relation to the draft The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2006; and
2. Approves that the draft The National Assembly for Wales (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2006 is made in accordance with:
 - a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 7 November 2006;
 - b) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 8 November 2006.

A vote was taken on the motion to approve the Order:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	0	0	35

The Order was approved.

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**4.15pm
Item 9: Debate on the Review of the Arts Council**

**4.56pm
Procedural Motion**

The Business Minister moved a Procedural Motion under Standing Order 6.21 to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. A vote was taken on the motion:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	1	3	37

The motion was agreed.

Item 9: Debate on the Review of the Arts Council (Continued)

NDM3362 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales :

1. Notes the Report "A Dual Key Approach to the Strategic Development of the Arts in Wales"; and
2. Recognises the time and expertise devoted by the Panel, chaired by Professor Elan Closs Stephens, in carrying out the Review.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Replace 'Notes' with 'Welcomes'.

A vote was taken on Amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	38	0	53

Amendment 1 was agreed.

Amendment 2 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Welcomes the Panel's proposal that six major national companies should not be directly funded by the Welsh Assembly Government, thereby enshrining the 'arm's

length' principle in relation to artistic freedom."

A vote was taken on Amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	10	28	53

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add new point at end of motion:

"Calls upon the Welsh Assembly Government to fully implement all of the recommendations in the Report."

A vote was taken on Amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
9	15	28	52

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 4 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion

"Welcomes the re-affirmation of the 'arm's length' principle for the strategic management of the Arts in Wales."

A vote was taken on Amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total

43	10	0	53
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Amendment 4 was agreed.

Amendment 5 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion

"Calls on the Culture Minister and Local Government and Public Services Minister to jointly produce an action plan on the implementation of the recommendation to develop strategic partnerships between the Arts Council Wales and Local Authorities."

A vote was taken on Amendment 5:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	10	28	53

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 6 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion

"Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to respond to the Report by producing a sustainable plan for growth of the Arts in Wales in line with all of the recommendations of the Wales Arts Review."

A vote was taken on Amendment 6:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	9	28	51

Amendment 6 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at end of motion

"Believes that the substance of this Report demonstrates the need for the Welsh Assembly Government to conduct consultation before making major decisions on the future of the Arts in Wales."

A vote was taken on Amendment 7:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
15	10	28	53

Amendment 7 was not agreed.

NDM3362 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales :

1. Welcomes the Report "A Dual Key Approach to the Strategic Development of the Arts in Wales";
2. Recognises the time and expertise devoted by the Panel, chaired by Professor Elan Closs Stephens, in carrying out the Review; and
3. Welcomes the re-affirmation of the 'arm's length' principle for the strategic management of the Arts in Wales.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
53	0	0	53

The motion as amended was agreed.

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5.15pm

Item 10: Short debate

NDM3363 Christine Gwyther (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):

Act FAST – Stroke is a medical emergency

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The meeting concluded at 5.40pm.

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on Tuesday,
12th December 2006**

**E P Silk
Clerk to the Assembly**