

# Second Assembly Plenary Meeting

## Votes and Proceedings (262)

Date: Wednesday, 28th March 2007

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**2.00pm**

**The Deputy Presiding Officer made a personal statement in accordance with Standing Order 6.26**

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**2.02pm**

**Item 1: Local Government Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services**

The first 12 questions were answered. Question 2 was not asked. Question 7 was withdrawn.

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**2.41pm**

**Item 2: Questions to Jane Davidson, Minister for Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills**

The first 12 questions were answered. Question 5 was withdrawn.

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**3.16pm**

**Urgent Question:**

**Irene James (Islwyn): Will the Minister for Environment, Planning & Countryside make a statement about proposed job losses announced at G Costa in Islwyn**

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3.26pm

**Item 3: Statement by the First Minister: Convergence Programmes for West Wales and the Valleys**

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*The following 3 items were debated together but voted on separately*

4.03pm

**Item 4: Motion to approve The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) Order 2007**

**NDM3597 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) Order 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 6 March 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
53	0	0	53

**The principle of the Order was agreed.**

**NDM3598 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 20 March 2007 in relation to the draft The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) Order 2007; and

2. Approves that the draft The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) Order 2007 is made in accordance with:

- a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 6 March 2007;
- b) the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2007; and

c) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 6 March 2007.

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

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
53	0	0	53

**The Order was approved.**

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### **Item 5: Motion to approve The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Wales) Order 2007**

#### **NDM3599 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Wales) Order 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 6 March 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
53	0	0	53

**The principle of the Order was agreed.**

#### **NDM3600 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 20 March 2007 in relation to the draft The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Wales) Order 2007; and
2. Approves that the draft The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Wales) Order 2007 is made in

accordance with:

- a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 6 March 2007;
- b) the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2007; and
- c) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 6 March 2007.

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

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
53	0	0	53

**The Order was approved.**

## **Item 6: Motion to approve The Firefighters' Pension (Wales) Scheme (Amendment) Order 2007**

### **NDM3601 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Firefighters' Pension (Wales) Scheme (Amendment) Order 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 6 March 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
53	0	0	53

**The principle of the Order was agreed.**

### **NDM3602 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 20 March 2007 in relation to the draft The Firefighters' Pension (Wales) Scheme (Amendment) Order 2007; and

2. Approves that the draft The Firefighters' Pension (Wales) Scheme (Amendment) Order 2007 is made in accordance with:

- a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 6 March 2007;
- b) the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2007; and
- c) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 6 March 2007.

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

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
53	0	0	53

**The Order was approved.**

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**4.06pm**

**Item 7: Motion to approve The Local Authority Adoption Service (Wales) Regulations 2007**

**NDM3603 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Local Authority Adoption Service (Wales) Regulations 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 27 February 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
54	0	0	54

**The principle of the Regulations was agreed.**

**NDM3604 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 13 March 2007 in relation to the draft The Local Authority Adoption Service (Wales) Regulations 2007; and
2. Approves that the draft The Local Authority Adoption Service (Wales) Regulations 2007 is made in accordance with:
  - a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2007;
  - b) the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 13 March 2007; and
  - c) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 27 February 2007.

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

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
54	0	0	54

**The Regulations were approved.**

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**4.07pm**

**Item 8: Motion to approve The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007**

**NDM3605 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 13 March 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Regulations:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
54	0	0	54

**The principle of the Regulations was agreed.**

**NDM3606 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 20 March 2007 in relation to the draft The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007; and
2. Approves that the draft The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007 is made in accordance with:
  - a) the draft laid in the Table Office on 13 March 2007;
  - b) the Memorandum of Corrections laid in the Table Office on 20 March 2007; and
  - c) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 13 March 2007.

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

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
54	0	0	54

**The Regulations were approved.**

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**4.08pm**

**Item 9: Motion to approve the Fire and Rescue National Framework (Wales) 2005 (Revisions) Order 2007 under Standing Order 24.27 (iv)**

**NDM3607 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of the Fire and Rescue National Framework (Wales) 2005 (Revisions) Order 2007 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 21 March 2007.

A vote was taken on the principle of the Order:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
54	0	0	54

**The principle of the Order was agreed.**

**NDM3608 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that the Fire and Rescue National Framework (Wales) 2005 (Revisions) Order 2007 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 21 March 2007 .

*To note: No Legislation Committee Report is laid in respect of these Regulations, procedural requirements having been disapplied by the Assembly Cabinet under Standing Order 24.27 (i), (ii) and (iii).*

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

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
54	0	0	54

**The Order was approved.**

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**4.09pm**

**Motion to Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward the Motion to approve The Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (Wales) Regulations 2007**



**NDM3613 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 37.5:

Suspends Standing Order 6.13 and that part of Standing Order 5.4 that requires the weekly Business Statement to constitute the agreed timetable for Assembly Business for the following week, to allow the No Named Day Motion (NNDM3612) tabled on 28 March 2007 - to approve the Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (Wales) Regulations 2007 - to be considered in Plenary on Wednesday 28 March 2007.

A vote was taken on the motion:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
54	0	0	54

**The motion was agreed.**

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**4.11pm**

**Motion to approve The Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (Wales) Regulations 2007**

**NNDM3612 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 and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 20 March 2007 in relation to the draft The Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (Wales) Regulations 2007; and

2. Approves that the draft The Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (Wales) Regulations 2007 is made in accordance with:

- a) the draft laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 March 2007; and
- b) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 28 March 2007.

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

For	Abstain	Against	Total
35	2	15	52

The Regulations were approved.

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**4.18pm**

**Item 10: Debate on Tir Mynydd**

**NDM3609 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

Endorses the proposal to re-prioritise the Tir Cymru budget line in the Rural Development Plan as laid out in the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee Chair's letter of 2 March 2007.

*A copy of the letter was e-mailed to Assembly Members on 21 March 2007.*

**The following amendment was tabled:**

**Amendment - John Marek (Wrexham) and Trish Law (Bleanau Gwent)**

Add new point at the end of motion:

*"Notes that no non-agricultural budget is affected by the reprioritisation proposal."*

A vote was taken on the amendment:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	0	28	58

The amendment was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion, as amended:

**NDM3609 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Endorses the proposal to re-prioritise the Tir Cymru budget line in the Rural Development Plan as laid out in the Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee Chair's letter of 2 March 2007.
2. Notes that no non-agricultural budget is affected by the reprioritisation proposal.

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
30	0	28	58

**The motion, as amended was agreed.**

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**5.06pm  
Procedural Motion**

The Business Minister moved a Procedural Motion under Standing Order 6.21 to extend the meeting for 30 minutes.

A vote was taken on the motion:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
45	1	6	52

**The motion was agreed.**

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**5.07pm  
Item 11: Debate on Freedom of Information**

## **NDM3610 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the commitment which the Welsh Assembly Government has made to maximising openness since a Code of Practice on Public Access to Information was implemented in May 1999.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

### **Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Delete all after 'Wales:' and insert:

*"Notes with concern that proposed restrictions and changes to the fees regime under the Freedom of Information Act will undermine the Act's contribution to increased discussion on public affairs; accountability; and trust in the work of public authorities by introducing new layers of procedural and bureaucratic complexity, and therefore calls on the Assembly Government to oppose the proposed changes."*

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
22	0	27	49

**Amendment 1 was not agreed.**

### **Amendment 2 - Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)**

Insert at end of motion:

*"but opposes increasing fees for access to information."*

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>

23	0	27	50
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**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

A vote was taken on the motion:

<b>For</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Total</b>
47	1	2	50

**The motion was agreed.**

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**5.32pm  
Item 12: Short Debate**

**NDM3596 John Griffiths (Newport East):**

The New Wales - The First 8 Years.

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**The meeting concluded at 6.04pm**

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**The first meeting of the Third Assembly will take place on 9th  
May 2007**

**Chamber Secretariat**

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