

**Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2001**

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

**Election of 3 Officers to the Local Government Partnership**

*NDM792* - To propose that the Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 1(1) and 4 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 1998, appoints the following persons to be members of the Partnership Council:

Sian Wilkinson (Wrexham County Borough Council) in place of Mike Hedges (City and County of Swansea).

John Hopkins (Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council) in place of Brian Smith (Torfaen County Borough Council)

Colin Mann (Caerphilly County Borough Council) in place of Lindsay Whittle (Caerphilly County Borough Council)

**A vote was taken**

For 36; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 36

**The motion was approved**

**2.01 pm**

**Oral Questions to the First Minister**

The first 11 questions were answered. Question No. 7 was withdrawn

**The statement on Consultation on the Learning Disabilities Advisory Group's Report was postponed**

**2.43 pm**

**Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister**

The business statement was agreed.

**2.51 pm**

**Approval of the Seeds (National List of Varieties) Regulations 2001**

*NDM793* - To propose that the National Assembly:

Acting under Standing Order 23.10

Approves the draft of The Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 2001, a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 15 October 2001.

**A vote was taken**

For 36; Abstain 0; Against 14; Total 50

**The Regulations were approved**

**3.15pm**

**Amendment of the Membership of the Business Partnership Council**

*NDM794* -To propose that the National Assembly:

Approves that there will be a broadly based, cross-party group, meeting at least twice a year, including 11 Assembly Members, two representatives of the social economy representing the co-operative and community enterprise sectors and at least five representatives of each of Business Wales and Wales TUC.

The proposal is to replace paragraph 11 of "Consultation for Business" which listed the organisations to be represented on the Business Partnership Council and the frequency of the Council's meetings. "Consultation for Business" was approved by a resolution of plenary on 30 September 1999 and was laid in Table Office on 24 September 1999.

**A vote was taken**

For 48; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 48

**The motion was carried**

**3.20pm**

**Minority Party Debate**

*NDM795* - To propose that the National Assembly:

Considers the impact of the current international situation on Wales

***The following amendment had been tabled:***

**Amendment 1 - Andrew Davies (Swansea West), Peter Black (South Wales West), William Graham (South Wales East)**

Replace the full stop with a comma and add:

"and supports the actions taken by the UK Government in support of the world alliance against terrorism".

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 37; Abstain 0; Against 15; Total 52

**Amendment 1 was carried**

**The motion, as amended**

For 37; Abstain 0; Against 15; Total 52

**The motion, as amended, was carried**

**4.23pm**

*The Minister for Assembly Business proposed a Procedural Motion under Standing Order 6.16 to bring forward the following Motion which differs from the agreed business shown in the Forward Look of 16th October 2001*

A vote was taken

**The motion**

For 42; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 42

**The procedural motion was carried**

**The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair**

**4.24pm**

**Debate on Waste Wales Strategy (moved from 16 October 2001)**

*NDM780 - To propose that the National Assembly:*

1. Welcomes the consultation paper "*Managing Waste Sustainably*", which was placed on the Intranet on 4 July 2001 and which can be located at:- <http://assembly/aegis/Subject%20Index/Environment/Wales%20Waste%20Strategy.htm> ; and

2. Agrees that the Minister for Environment will issue a new waste strategy for Wales to replace within Wales the current joint Wales and England waste strategy set out in "*Waste Strategy 2000*", which was laid in Table Office on 8 October 2001, and to take into account comments and considerations since the publication of "*Managing Waste Sustainably*".

***The following amendments had been tabled:***

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

Add as new paragraph at end of motion:

‘ Agrees that the ultimate target of the new waste strategy should be zero landfill.’

**Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new paragraph at end of motion:

‘ Agrees that within the new waste strategy incineration be permitted only as a last resort, and after the most thorough health impact assessments have been undertaken; and regrets the haste with which some local authority’s are rushing to develop incineration as a way of reducing their use of landfill.

**Amendment 3 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new paragraph at end of motion

‘Calls on the Minister for the Environment to undertake an urgent review of the current developments proposing to use incineration as a means of waste disposal, notably at Crumlyn Burrows and at Wrexham, with a view to revoking planning permissions to prevent unsustainable development if necessary ‘

#### **Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new paragraph at end of motion

'Acknowledges the immensity of the shift in waste disposal practices that will be required if Wales is to comply with the Landfill Directive and the huge level of sustained funding that will be required to bring that shift about'

#### **Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new paragraph at end of motion

Calls on the Minister for the Environment to :-

- a. Secure substantial additional funding for the Waste Strategy in next years and subsequent budgets
- b. Negotiate with Westminster Government as a matter of urgency a simpler more effective Primary Legislation framework for the regulations of waste disposal
- c. Negotiate with the Westminster Government the transfer of all funds raised from the Landfill Tax in Wales to the National Assembly budget with a view to the Assembly using all landfill tax revenues to promote sustainable waste disposal.

#### **Amendment 6 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new paragraph at end of motion:

'Calls on the Minister for the Environment to ensure that the new Waste Strategy is fully co-ordinated with other Government of Wales strategies and plans, notably the new planning policy framework, and is fully compliant with the Sustainable Development Scheme.'

**5.11pm**

**Point of Order**

**Lorraine Barrett on behaviour in the public gallery**

**5.24pm**

**The Deputy Presiding Officer required a member of the public observing proceedings to withdraw for acting in a disruptive manner**

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 16; Abstain 6; Against 29; Total 51

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

**Amendment 2**

For 18; Abstain 7; Against 28; Total 53

**Amendment 2 was defeated**

**Amendment 3**

For 17; Abstain 7; Against 29; Total 53

**Amendment 3 was defeated**

**Amendment 4**

For 46; Abstain 7; Against 0; Total 53

**Amendment 4 was carried**

**Amendment 5**

For 15; Abstain 7; Against 31; Total 53

**Amendment 5 was defeated**

**Amendment 6**

For 45; Abstain 7; Against 1; Total 53

**Amendment 6 was carried**

**The motion, as amended**

For 37; Abstain 15; Against 1; Total 53

**The motion, as amended, was carried**

**The session concluded at 5.32pm**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at**

**9.05 am on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2001**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 18 October 2001**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 17 October 2001**

The Milk Marketing Board (Residuary Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2001-LD1029

Local Government Finance (Wales). Special Grant Report No.15 (Wales) 2001. Asylum Seeker Education Grants - LD1030

The Learning Disability Advisory Group. Report to the National Assembly for Wales "Fulfilling the Promises". Proposals for a Framework for Services for People with Learning Disabilities - LD1031