

**Second Assembly Plenary Meeting (186)
Votes and Proceedings for Wednesday, 15 February 2006**

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The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

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Finance Questions to Sue Essex, Minister for Finance, Local Government & Public Services

The First 12 Questions were answered, 5 + 6 & 7 were withdrawn

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2.34pm

Item 2 - Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside

Questions 1 to 13 were answered, Question 15 was withdrawn and 12 + 14 were not asked.

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3.04pm

Item 3 - Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services : Free Home Care for the Disabled

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3.35pm

Item 4 - Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: NHS Finances

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4.11pm

Item 5 - Motion to approve Special Grant Report (Wales 2006) Social Services Performance Management Development Fund

NDM2851 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Under S88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, and in accordance with Standing Order 21.11, approves the Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (Wales) (2006) on the Social Services Performance Management Development Fund, which was laid in the Table Office on 7 February 2006.

Supporting Documents

[Local Government Finance \(Wales\) Special Grant Report for Social Services Performance Management Development Fund \(Wales\) 2006](#)

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 47; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 47
The motion was approved

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4.17pm

Item 6 - Debate on the Annual Report of the Children's Commissioner

NDM2852 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the fourth Annual Report of the Children's Commissioner for Wales, which was emailed to Assembly Members on 7 February 2006.
2. Notes that the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning will draw up a response from the Welsh Assembly Government and report to the National Assembly on this by 31 March 2006.

The following amendments were tabled:

1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point:

Notes with concern that it has been 19 months since the publication of Clywch and that this Assembly still awaits the Government and other bodies to implement many of the recommendations.

Amendment 1

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 53

Amendment 1 was not carried

2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point:

Regrets the time taken by the Government and other bodies to develop the advocacy, complaints, and whistle blowing procedures recommended by the Children's Commissioner.

Amendment 2

For 23; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 52

Amendment 2 was not carried

3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point:

Calls on the Assembly Government to review advocacy contracts.

Amendment 3

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 3 was not carried

4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point:

Calls on the Assembly Government to ensure sufficient additional funding to enable the implementation of standards contained within the National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services.

Amendment 4

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 4 was not carried

5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point:

Expresses concern at the slow progress made in implementing the CAMHS strategy, and believes that CAMHS should be commissioned and resourced to provide services to all young people up to the age of eighteen.

Amendment 5

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 5 was not carried

6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point:

Calls on the Assembly Government to commit funding, and set targets for the recruitment of school nurses across Wales.

Amendment 6

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 6 was not carried

7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point:

Expresses concern at the continued prevalence of child poverty in Wales and calls on the Assembly Government to give greater urgency to developing an Action Plan.

Amendment 7

For 23; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 52

Amendment 7 was not carried

8. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point:

Notes with concern the lack of services for young people in Wales suffering from an eating disorder.

Amendment 8

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 8 was not carried

9. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to review the legal powers of the Children's Commissioner for Wales in circumstances where failure of cooperation by another agency leaves the rights and welfare of children unaddressed.

Amendment 9

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 9 was not carried

10. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point:

Calls on the WAG to prioritise the provision of consistent independent advocacy services.

Amendment 10

For 52; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 52

Amendment 10 was carried

11. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point:

Expresses concern about the gap between WAG policy rhetoric and reality on issues such as the National Service Framework for Children and School Nurses.

Amendment 11

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 11 was not carried

12. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point:

Notes the importance of independence in staff disciplinary investigation.

Amendment 12

For 52; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 52

Amendment 12 was carried

13. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point:

Notes with concern WAG failure to develop a Child Poverty Action Plan.

Amendment 13

For 23; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 52

Amendment 13 was not carried

14. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point:

Expresses concern about the continued failure to provide an adequate response by Child and Adolescence Mental Health Services and supports the recommendation that CAMHS should be commissioned for all young people up to the age of 19.

Amendment 14

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 53

Amendment 14 was not carried

15. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point:

Notes the need to build capacity and establish structures as a basis for a sustainable anti-bullying strategy.

Amendment 15

For 53; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 53

Amendment 15 was carried

16. Lisa Francis (Mid and West Wales)

Add as new point:

Notes the need for support for all those responsible for raising children which will lead to the development of accessible new services.

Amendment 16

For 53; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 53

Amendment 16 was carried

17. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point:

Believes that any review of advocacy contracts should be carried out working in full partnership with all advocacy service providers to produce a seamless service for children.

Amendment 17

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 17 was not carried

18. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure that local bodies are adequately funded to implement the National Service Framework for Children, Young People & Maternity Services.

Amendment 18

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 18 was not carried

19. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to effectively communicate and encourage parents, carers and children on the safe usage of the internet and new technologies.

Amendment 19

For 52; Abstain 0; Against 1; Total 53

Amendment 19 was carried

20. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to publish a list of all the recommendations from recent child protection reports and provide regular updates to the National Assembly for Wales on its progress in their implementation.

Amendment 20

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 20 was not carried

21. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to make tackling Child poverty a priority.

Amendment 21

For 53; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 53

Amendment 21 was carried

22. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add as new point:

Regrets the continued slow progress made by the Welsh Assembly Government in implementing the CAMHS strategy.

Amendment 22

For 24; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 53

Amendment 22 was not carried

A vote was taken on the motion, as amended:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the fourth Annual Report of the Children's Commissioner for Wales, which was emailed to Assembly Members on 7 February 2006.
2. Notes that the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning will draw up a response from the Welsh Assembly Government and report to the National Assembly on this by 31 March 2006.
3. Calls on the WAG to prioritise the provision of consistent independent advocacy services.
4. Notes the importance of independence in staff disciplinary investigation.
5. Notes the need to build capacity and establish structures as a basis for a sustainable anti-bullying strategy.

6. Notes the need for support for all those responsible for raising children which will lead to the development of accessible new services.
7. Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to effectively communicate and encourage parents, carers and children on the safe usage of the internet and new technologies.
8. Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to make tackling Child poverty a priority.

For 53; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 53
The motion, as amended, was approved

4.55pm
Procedural Motion
The Business Minister proposed a procedural motion under Standing Order 6.21 to extend the meeting for 20 minutes
A vote was taken on the procedural motion:
For 32; Abstain 0; Against 2; Total 34
The procedural motion was carried

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5.25pm

Short Debate - NDM2853 Rosemary Butler (Newport West) Art and Craft Education for the Over 60s – A "Qualified Disaster".

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The meeting concluded at 5.44pm

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The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 2.00pm on

Tuesday, 28 February 2006

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

February 14, 2006

[LD5371 - Non Domestic Rates Accounts 2004-05](#)

[LD5372 - The NHS Pensions Agency \(Asiantaeth Pensiynau'r GIG\) Abolition Order 2006](#)

[LD5373 - NHS Blood and Transplant \(Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5374 - The NHS Business Services Authority \(Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5375 - The NHS Business Services Authority \(Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG\) \(Establishment and Constitution\) \(Amendment\) Order 2006](#)

[LD5376 - The Feeding Stuffs and the Feeding Stuffs \(Sampling and Analysis\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5377 - The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5378 - The Single Education Plan \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5379 - LC1218 – The General Dental Services and Personal Dental Services Transitional Provisions \(Wales\) Order 2006](#)

[LD5380 - LC1219 – Functions of Local Health Boards \(Dental Public Health\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5381 - LC1220 – The Transition from Primary to Secondary School \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5382 - LC1221 – The Local Government \(Improvement Plans\) \(Wales\) Order 2006](#)

[LD5383 - LC1222 – The Contaminants in Food \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5384 - LC1223 – Requirement for the production of Transition Plans and Guidance](#)

[LD5385 - LC1224 – The National Health Service \(General Dental Services Contracts\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5386 - LC1225 – The National Health Service \(Personal Dental Services Agreements\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5387 - LC1226 – The National Health Service \(Dental Charges\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5388 - LC1227 – Government of Further Education Corporations \(Revocation\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006](#)

[LD5389 - LC1228 - The Further Education Corporations \(Replacement of Instrument and Articles of Government\) \(Wales\) Order 2006](#)

[LD5390 - Homelessness \(Suitability of Accommodation\) \(Wales\) Order 2006 - Memorandum of Corrections](#)

[LD5391 - The Contaminants in Food \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 - Memorandum of Corrections](#)

[LD5392 - The Further Education Corporations \(Replacement of Instrument and Articles of Government\) \(Wales\) Order 2006 - Memorandum of Corrections](#)