

## **Motions and Amendments for debate on 16 March 2004**

### **Motions Tabled on 9 March 2004**

#### **NDM1866 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales

1. Adopts as its Sustainable Development Scheme, in accordance with Section 121(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, the document entitled '*Starting to Live Differently*' which was e-mailed to Assembly Members on 9 March 2004.
2. Notes that a draft Action Plan to enable the Welsh Assembly Government to implement the Scheme is being prepared and will issue for consultation shortly.
3. Notes the commitment to finalise a set of top-level composite indicators to gauge progress towards sustainable development.
4. Commends the positive role that Wales is taking in international thinking on these issues and in particular the progress of the international regional government network, whose conference takes place in Wales from 22-26 March.
5. Thanks all individuals and organisations who responded to the consultation.

*Bilingual copies of the Analysis of Consultation Responses documents were e-mailed to Assembly Members on 9 March 2004.*

#### **NDM1867 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and emailed to Assembly Members on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

#### **NDM1868 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

*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 22.27 (i), (ii) and (iii).*

## **NDM1869 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

1.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office, on 2 March 2004 on the draft Regulations The Inspection of Education and Training (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 and

b) Approves that The Inspection of Education and Training (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with:

- i) the draft Regulations laid in the Table Office on 10 February 2004;
- ii) Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 10 February 2004;
- ii) Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office on 2 March 2004

2.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office, on 2 March 2004 on the draft Regulations The Education (School Inspection) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 and

b) Approves that The Education (School Inspection) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with:

- i) the draft Regulations laid in the Table Office on 10 February 2004;
- ii) Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 10 February 2004;
- iii) Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office on 2 March 2004

3.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office, and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 9 March 2004 on the draft Order The Library Advisory Council for Wales Abolition and Consequential Amendments Order 2004 and

b) Approves that The Library Advisory Council for Wales Abolition and Consequential Amendments Order 2004 is made in accordance with:

- i) the draft Order laid in the Table Office on 25 February 2004;
- ii) Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 25 February 2004.

## **Minority Party Debate**

## **NDM1870 Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Believes that affordable housing is a human right.
2. Calls on the Labour Assembly Government to introduce measures to ensure that all people have access to quality affordable housing within their own community.

## **Amendments Tabled on 11 March 2004**

To propose that the Assembly resolve to adopt the following amendments to motions:

### **NDM1866**

#### **1. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Believes that the sustainable development scheme's action plan should incorporate:

- i) indicators that clearly and transparently show the progress made by the Assembly; and
- ii) tough targets that ensure the Assembly government delivers on the principles of the scheme.

#### **2. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add as new point at the end of the motion:

Believes that the sustainable development scheme and the Assembly government will be judged by the contents and implementation of the action plan.

#### **3. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

In point 2 delete 'and will issue for consultation shortly' and replace with 'and will be issued for consultation before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004'.

#### **4. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add at the end of point 3:

' and that these indicators will be finalised and published by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004'.

## **5. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

In point 4 delete 'Commends' and replace with 'Notes'.

## **6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add at the end of point 1:

' but regrets the inadequacy of paragraph 1.4 of the Scheme which describes the current unsustainability of Wales and calls on the Minister to re - draft the paragraph in consultation with appropriate voluntary organisations'.

## **7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add at the end of point 2:

' and calls on the Minister to bring that Action Plan for a full debate to plenary by July 2004'.

## **8. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

'Commits the Labour Assembly Government to developing appropriate targets in the Action Plan linked to a full indicator set; and further calls on the Minister to bring forward an annual report to plenary on performance against the agreed targets.'

## **9. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

'Commits the Labour Assembly Government to developing a sustainability appraisal tool that relates to the full indicator set.'

## **10. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add at the end of point 4:

', whilst recognising Local Government's and Assembly Sponsored Bodies' key roles in delivering sustainable development at a local level, and calls on the Labour Assembly Government to give clear support and direction to them'.

## **11. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**

Add as new point 5 and renumber:

Recognises that the Government's commitment and progress towards Sustainable Development will be judged by practical improvements in the environment and the quality of peoples' lives.

## **NDM1867**

### **1. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Notes with regret that there will be an inevitable increase in the use of regulation to recover unpaid council tax as a result of the Governments policy of forcing up council tax beyond the level of affordability for an increasing number of council tax payers.

## **NDM1870**

### **1. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Recognises that although the Homebuy scheme has made a significant contribution to providing affordable housing in rural areas, it has done so by eating into the money available to build new homes for rent. Accordingly, this Assembly calls on the Government to establish a separate Homebuy budget line in addition to the existing resources available for Social Housing Grant.

### **2. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Recognises the high level of disrepair in privately rented accommodation in Wales and urges the Welsh Assembly Government to work in partnership with UK Ministers to put a compulsory private rented housing licensing scheme in place at the earliest possible moment to establish minimum standards and better management.

### **3. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Recognises that although affordability is a key factor so is fitness for purpose. Further recognises that many privately owned properties in Wales will fail to reach the Welsh Housing Quality Standard by 2010 and urges the Welsh Assembly Government to increase

the resources available for Disabled Improvement Grants and Renovation Grants whilst developing other forms of investment such as equity release through a Welsh Home Improvement Lending Agency.

#### **4. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to require Councils to take account of affordability in drawing up Local Housing Strategies and use their powers to ensure that these strategies are delivered on time and are relevant and fit for purpose.

#### **5. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Expresses concern at the impact of proposals by the Treasury to allow tax relief on the purchase of residential property as a private pension investment, recognises that this will have an impact on the affordability of houses in rural areas and urges the Welsh Assembly Government to oppose this measure.

#### **6. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Assembly Government to support and encourage local planning authorities in engendering greater flexibility for different affordable housing planning policies to be developed. In particular calls for the use of exceptions policies to provide affordable housing in rural areas.

#### **7. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Requires the Welsh Assembly Government to ensure that all local authorities carry out local housing needs surveys and recognises the need for Planning Authorities to undertake surveys on a community level in order to establish local housing needs.

#### **8. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to encourage and promote the formation of Community Housing Trusts.

## **9. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Recognises that affordability also encompasses costs such as those for energy and calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to promote sustainable principles in the development of new Social Housing.

## **10. Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)**

Delete all after 'The National Assembly for Wales:' and replace with:

Reaffirms the vision set out in "Better Homes for People in Wales" - that everyone should have the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable, housing; to be able to choose where they live and decide whether buying or renting is best for them and their families; and

2. Supports the action, which the Welsh Assembly Government has taken to create opportunities for people to access affordable housing.