

Motions and Amendments for Debate on 25 November 2003

Motions tabled on 18 November 2003

NDM1713 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 11 November 2003 on the draft Order The Cocoa and Chocolate Products (Wales) Regulations 2003, and

b) Approves that The Cocoa and Chocolate Products (Wales) Regulations 2003 is made in accordance with the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2003 and the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2003.

2.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 11 November 2003 of the draft Order The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars (Wales) Regulations 2003, and

b) Approves that The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars (Wales) Regulations 2003 is made in accordance with the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2003 and the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2003.

3.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 11 November 2003 on the draft Order The Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (Wales) Regulations 2003, and

b) Approves that The Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (Wales) Regulations 2003 is made in accordance with the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2003 and the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2003.

4.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Members on 18 November 2003 on the draft Order The Specified Sugar Products (Wales) Regulations 2003, and

b) Approves that The Specified Sugar Products (Wales) Regulations 2003 is made in accordance with the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 11 November 2003 and the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2003.

5.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 12 November 2003 on the draft Order The Honey (Wales) Regulations 2003, and

b) Approves that The Honey (Wales) Regulations 2003 is made in accordance with the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 11 November 2003 and the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 6 November 2003.

6.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 11 November 2003 on the draft Order The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003, and

b) Approves that The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 is made in accordance with the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 4 November 2003 and the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 4 November 2003.

7.

a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 11 November 2003 on the draft Order The Shrimp Fishing Nets (Wales) Order 2003, and

b) Approves that The Shrimp Fishing Nets (Wales) Order 2003 is made in accordance with the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 4 November 2003 and the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 4 November 2003.

NDM1714 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Council Tax (Valuation Bands)(Wales) Order 2003, a copy of which was laid in the Table Office on 11 November 2003.

NDM1715 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

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 Members on 18 November 2003 in relation to the draft order, The Council Tax (Valuation Bands)(Wales) Order 2003; and

2. Approves that The Council Tax (Valuation Bands)(Wales) Order 2003 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 11 November 2003 and the Regulatory Appraisal on 11 November 2003.

NDM1716 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Welcomes the progress that has been made towards achieving the targets in A Winning Wales.
2. Welcomes the progress that has been made by the Welsh Assembly Government and partners in implementing the Action Plan in Annexe 1 of A Winning Wales.
3. Notes the adjustments to two of the targets as reported to the Economic Development and Transport Committee on 19 November 2003.
4. Agrees that the vision and priorities of A Winning Wales should remain the same.

A Winning Wales can be located on the Internet using the attached hyperlink

English: <http://www.wales.gov.uk/themesbudgetandstrategic/content/neds/awinningwales-0302-e.pdf>

Welsh: <http://www.cymru.gov.uk/themesbudgetandstrategic/content/neds/awinningwales-0302-w.pdf>

An English only copy of the report which the Minister for Economic Development and Transport will make to the Economic Development and Transport Committee on 19 November 2003 has been e – mailed to Assembly Members on 18 November

NDM1717 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Reaffirms that the welfare of vulnerable children remains a key responsibility of local authority social services departments.
2. Welcomes the report of the Inspection of Social Services for Children and Young People in Cardiff published on Wednesday 12 November 2003.
3. Confirms the response of the Welsh Assembly Government as a proportionate way of dealing with the serious concerns outlined in the Report.
4. Notes the actions already taken by the Chief Inspector of Social Services in setting out requirements to which the Council must now respond.

Copies of the report of the Inspection of Social Services for Children and Young People in

Cardiff were e-mailed to Members on 18 November.

Amendments Tabled on 19 November 2003

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

NDM1714

1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges that property valuations do not provide a fair and just basis on which to raise revenue locally.

2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Labour Assembly Government to fund a relief scheme to assist local authorities to offer discounts to those households severely affected by the re-banding of council tax, such as those on fixed incomes.

3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Recognises that the areas of Wales where property prices have escalated will be those most adversely affected by the re-banding exercise.

NDM1716

1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 1, and replace with:

Notes the lack of progress made towards achieving most of the targets in 'A Winning Wales' as reported to the Economic Development and Transport Committee on 19th November 2003.

2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete 'Welcomes' in point 2 and replace with 'Notes'

3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Insert at the end of point 3:

'but emphasises the need for new employment opportunities to be highly skilled well paid jobs'

4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 4 and add as new point at end of motion:

'Notes with concern that only one third of employment growth is occurring in Objective One areas, despite having two-thirds of the Welsh population, and calls on the Labour Assembly Government to establish regional economic targets throughout Wales to ensure direct economic opportunities to areas of greatest need.'

5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes with concern that there is a growing divide in Welsh GVA per head with the rest of the UK from 85.3% in 1978 to 78.8% in 2001

6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to reaffirm that "Success would mean Welsh GDP per person rising from 80 per cent to 90 per cent of the UK average over the next decade – with the ultimate aim of achieving parity" as stated in 'A Winning Wales'.

7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the First Minister and acting Economic Development Minister's comments in the Chamber on December 13 2001 that stated "Many things must go right for us to achieve that target of 90 per cent of UK average GDP per capita.

NDM1717

1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)
Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Insert at the end of point 1:

'and must be a key priority for the National Assembly for Wales'

- 2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)**
- Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**
- Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Delete points 2, 3, and 4 and replace with:

Believes that the current situation in Cardiff Social Services Department where minimum standards are still not being met, as outlined in the report 'Inspection of Social Services for Children and Young People' by the Social Services Inspectorate for Wales is totally unacceptable and calls on the Minister for Health and Social Services to reconsider her decision not to exercise her statutory powers to impose directions upon the Council.

A copy of the summary and recommendations of the 'Inspection of Social Services for Children and Young People' Report can be located at the following website:

<http://www.wales.gov.uk/subisocialpolicysocialservices/content/summary/cardiff-sum-e.pdf>

Amendments Tabled on 20 November 2003

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

NDM1714

1. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Acknowledges that many individual Council Tax payers will be subject to very large increases in Council Tax when the new bands are brought into effect.

2. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Calls for a freeze in Council Tax for the next 5 years, limiting Council Tax increases to the rate of inflation in order to minimise the impact brought about by The Council Tax (Valuation

Bands) (Wales) Order 2003.

NDM1716

1. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

In point 1, delete 'Welcomes the' and replace with 'Regrets the lack of'

2. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

In point 2, delete 'Welcomes the' and replace with 'Regrets the lack of'

3. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Delete point 4 and replace with:

Notes the widening wealth gap between Wales and the rest of the United Kingdom and regrets that the target to achieve 90% of UK GDP per capita will be unsuccessful.

4. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Insert new point at the end of the motion:

Calls on the Economic Development and Transport Committee to review the vision and priorities of A Winning Wales.

5. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)

Add new point at the end of the motion:

Notes that the outcome of the GDP target will not be known until 2012 and that the Welsh Assembly Government should therefore bring forward a new range of targets to provide a better understanding of the performance of the Welsh Economy.