

Motions and Amendments for Debate on 2 November 2005

Motions Tabled on 26 October 2005

Short Debate

NDM2653 Alun Cairns (South Wales West): Will dredging destroy the UK's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?

NDM2652 Jane Hutt (Vale of Glamorgan)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the difficulties facing younger working households in accessing the housing market in parts of Wales.
2. Accepts that it is for local authorities to identify their own housing requirements and priorities in the light of local circumstances.
3. Notes the practical measures taken by the Assembly Government in addressing these issues.

Amendments tabled on 28 October 2005

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

NDM2652

1. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 1 and insert as new point 1:

Expresses concern at the difficulties facing a growing number of people in accessing the housing market across Wales.

2. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In point 2 insert after "circumstances":

,and calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to enable local authorities to provide affordable housing in the countryside, in addition to affordable housing in towns and villages.

3. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Delete point 3 and insert as new point 3:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to develop an Affordable Housing Strategy for Wales, whilst acknowledging that the lack of powers hinders the ability of the National Assembly for Wales to fully address the housing crisis in Wales.

4. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Acknowledges that New Labour's continuation of the Conservative's right to buy policies has resulted in depletion of some of Wales' best social housing stock and is one of the main factors in the current housing crisis and rising levels of homelessness.

5. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Deplores New Labour's support for the new pension funds, Self-Invested Personal Pensions (SIPPs) which will enable the wealthy to own and profit from second homes ownership in Wales while many people in Wales are living in unfit accommodation or spending an increasing amount of their income on housing.

6. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Assembly Government to make representations to the UK government for properties in Wales to be excluded from SIPPs.

7. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Instructs the Welsh Assembly Government to introduce a new planning class for second homes, allowing local authorities to manage the level of second homes where high numbers would lead to social problems.

8. Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Regrets that the Welsh Assembly government's housing policy forces many local authorities into making housing stock transfer decisions.

9. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):

Add new point at end of motion:

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

10. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):

Add new point at end of motion:

Calls for restrictions on the right to buy in areas of high demand.

11. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):

Add new point at end of 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.

12. David Melding (South Wales Central):

Add new point at end of motion:

Believes that the current housing crisis has been aggravated by the Welsh Assembly Government's policy to reduce the level of resources available for affordable housing.

13. David Melding (South Wales Central):

Add new point at end of motion:

Notes that the Welsh Assembly Government's Social Justice and Regeneration Policies have been compromised by the housing crisis.

14. David Melding (South Wales Central):

Add new point at end of motion:

Regrets the failure of the Welsh Assembly Government to properly recognise the deleterious affect the housing crisis is having on many Welsh speaking communities.