

Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2004

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm

**First Minister's Question Time**

The first 10 questions were answered. Question 8 was withdrawn.

**2.50pm**

**Business Statement**

More than 10 Members objected to the business statement.

A vote was taken on the business statement:

For 29; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 57

The business statement was agreed

**Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Development of Food Co-operatives - *postponed***

**3.00pm**

**Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services: Review of Children's Cases**

**3.18pm**

**Statement by the Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside: National Listing of Chardon LL**

**3.41pm**

**Point of Order**

**Peter Black** - Noting non-compliance with Standing Order 6.21.

**The Presiding Officer** explained that on 11<sup>th</sup> February, a vote was taken and, due to an error the names of members voting had not been included in the report of the Assembly's plenary proceedings.

**Motion to approve under Standing Order 22.25**

NDM1826 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 10 February 2004 on the draft regulations **The Miscellaneous Food Additives (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004**; and

b) Approves that The Miscellaneous Food Additives (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with:

- i) the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 28 January 2004; and
- ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 28 January 2004

2. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 10 February 2004 on the draft regulations **The Education (Individual Pupil Information) (Prescribed Persons) (Wales) Regulations 2004**; and

b) Approves that The Education (Individual Pupil Information) (Prescribed Persons) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in Accordance with:

- i) the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 28 January 2004;
- ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 28 January 2004; and
- iii) the Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2004.

3. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 10 February 2004 on the draft regulations **The Jam and Similar Products (Wales) Regulations 2004**; and

b) Approves that The Jam and Similar Products (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in Accordance with:

- i) the draft regulations laid in the Table Office on 28 January 2004;
- ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 28 January 2004; and
- iii) the Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2004.

4. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 3 February 2004 on the draft order **The Health Professions Wales (Establishment, Membership, Constitution and Functions) Order 2004**; and

b) Approves that The Health Professions Wales (Establishment, Membership, Constitution and Functions) Order 2004 is made in Accordance with:

- i) the draft order laid in the Table Office on 20 January 2004;
- ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 20 January 2004; and
- iii) the Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2004.

5. a) Considers the report of the Legislation Committee laid in the Table Office on 3 February 2004 on the draft order **The Health Professions Wales (Transfer of Staff, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Order 2004**; and

b) Approves that The Health Professions Wales (Transfer of Staff, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Order 2004 is made in Accordance with:

- i) the draft order laid in the Table Office on 20 January 2004;
- ii) the Regulatory Appraisal laid in the Table Office on 20 January 2004; and

iii) the Memorandum of Correction laid in the Table Office on 12 February 2004.

***Notice under Standing Order 22.25(ii) Tabled on 19 February 2004.***

***In accordance with Standing Order 22.25 (ii), 3 Members require that the above draft Orders, proposed in the motion NDM1826, are considered separately by plenary session of the Assembly. Therefore the motion above was not moved.***

**Motion to approve The Landfill Allowances Scheme (Scheme Years & Landfill Targets) Regulations 2004 under Standing Order 24 - No motion tabled**

**3.44pm**

**Motion to approve The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings)(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 under Standing Order 22.27(iv)**

*NDM1822 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)*

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

**A vote was taken on the principle of the Order**

For 42; Abstain 9; Against 0; Total 51

**The principle of the order was approved**

*NDM1823 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)*

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 16<sup>th</sup> February 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).*

**A vote was taken on the Order**

For 42; Abstain 9; Against 0; Total 51

**The Order was approved**

**3.54pm**

**Motion to approve The Local Authorities (The Alteration of Requisite Calculations (Wales) Regulations 2004 under Standing Order 22.27(iv)**

*NDM1824 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)*

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Considers the principle of The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2004 a copy of which was laid in Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 17 February 2004.

**A vote was taken on the principle of the Order**

For 42; Abstain 10; Against 0; Total 52

**The principle of the order was approved**

*NDM1825 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)*

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Approves that The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2004 is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office and e-mailed to Assembly Members on 17 February 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).*

**A vote was taken on the Order**

For 42; Abstain 10; Against 0; Total 52

**The Order was approved**

**4:03pm**

**Cross party debate on Diabetes**

*NDM1820 Jeff Cuthbert (Caerphilly); Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central); Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire); Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr)*

The National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes with concern:

- a) The on-going increase in the prevalence of diabetes mellitus, and the links between diabetes and increasing levels of obesity and inactivity;
- b) The time lag of up to 12 years between developing Type 2 diabetes and its diagnosis.

2. Agrees to ensure:

- a) Adequate availability of information for people in Wales on recognising the symptoms of diabetes, and on preventing and managing the condition;
- b) The integration of diabetes prevention into wider initiatives to promote active and healthy lifestyles;
- c) Adequate training and resources to develop active case finding throughout Wales of Type 2 diabetes, involving regular targeted screening.

**A vote was taken on the motion:**

For 56; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 56

**The motion was carried**

**4.54pm**

**Procedural Motion**

The Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside proposed a motion under Standing Order 6.10 to postpone the following motion NDM 1821. The proposal was put to the vote:

For 41; Abstain 1; Against 11; Total 53

**The motion was carried but as more than 10 Members objected to the proposal the debate took place**

**4:56pm**

**Debate on Farming Connect**

*NDM1821 Karen Sinclair (Clwyd South)*

To propose that the National Assembly

Notes with approval the progress made over the first two years of operation of Farming Connect, launched in September 2001 as a co-ordinated service available to farming families throughout Wales, designed to help them adapt and adopt new and more sustainable business practices.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)**

Delete 'with approval the progress made over'.

**Amendment 2 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for more pro-active support via Farming Connect to encourage young farmers to stay in the industry.

**Amendment 3 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls for Farming Connect to take full account of on-farm tourist activity.

**Amendment 4 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Labour Assembly Government to ensure that plans are in place during the transitional period of European structural funds to enable the continuation of funding for Farming Connect.

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

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Labour Assembly Government to encourage and protect the sustainability of the organic sector in Wales.

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 10; Abstain 10; Against 34; Total 54

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

**Amendment 2**

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 54

**Amendment 2 was defeated**

**Amendment 3**

For 24; Abstain 1; Against 29; Total 54

**Amendment 3 was defeated**

**Amendment 4**

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 54

**Amendment 4 was defeated**

**Amendment 5**

For 25; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 54

**Amendment 5 was defeated**

**The motion**

For 53; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 53

**The motion was carried**

**The meeting concluded at 5.41pm**

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

**2.00pm on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2004**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

## **DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

### **Documents Laid on 17 February 2004**

The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (Wales) Regulations 2004 - LD2685

Special Grant Report (No.8)( Wales) 2003 - LD2686

Joint Working Special Grant Report (Wales) 2004 - LD2687

### **Documents Laid on 16 February 2004**

The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 - LD2683

The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004  
- LD2684

## **Documents Laid on 12 February 2004**

The Education (Individual Pupil Information) (Prescribed Persons) (Wales) Regulations 2004  
- Memorandum of Corrections - LD2679

The Jam and Similar Products (Wales) Regulations 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections -  
LD2680

The Health Professions Wales (Establishment, Membership, constitution and Functions)  
Order 2004 - Memorandum of Corrections - LD2681

The Health Professions Wales (Transfer of Staff, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Order 2004  
- Memorandum of Corrections - LD2682