

Mark Drakeford AM: Mark began by discussing recent participation in Brexit meetings, including events in Northern Ireland and at the House of Lords, where 50 members attended a briefing from the Welsh Government on proposed devolution amendments to the EU Withdrawal Bill. UK Cabinet Office Minister David Lidington had also attended meetings of the Joint Ministerial Committee in both Cardiff and Edinburgh, the fifth Chair of that committee in fifteen months. Mark highlighted forthcoming Brexit conferences to be held in Cardiff on 16th and 17th February hosted by Cardiff North MP Anna McMorrin and Unite the Union. Mark reported on the passing of the Assembly budget and on the forthcoming Assembly by-election in Alyn and Deeside. Finally, Mark discussed the deputy leadership election, stating his and Kevin's support for Julie Morgan AM and highlighted potential conference motions around the OMOV campaign.

Welsh Labour Conference (Election of Delegates): It was agreed that Darren Williams, Sophie Williams and David Davies would attend the conference as ordinary delegates. The Women's Forum would send a delegate to be decided at their next meeting. It was agreed that Peter Jenkins would attend as the youth delegate subject to clarification on age restrictions.

Welsh Labour Conference (Motion): It was agreed to submit a motion to conference regretting the WEC's decision to impose an electoral college system on leadership and deputy leadership elections, call for conference to make a final decision and for that decision to be OMOV. The context of these issues was discussed alongside the practical considerations. Cardiff West CLP's role in leading the OMOV campaign was noted by the Chair.

Welsh Labour Conference (Nomination to the Standing Orders Committee): It was agreed to nominate Sophie Williams for the Standing Orders Committee.

Deputy Leadership Nomination: It was unanimously agreed to submit a supporting nomination in favour of Julie Morgan AM. It was noted that this decision could be revisited should Julie not make the ballot.

Kevin Brennan MP: Kevin reiterated his support for Julie and lamented the difficult process regarding nominations. Kevin outlined the progress of the EU Withdrawal Bill which has moved to the House of Lords. Kevin felt that the Lords will make amendments to some areas of the Bill which will put pressure on the government. He also noted the vote by MPs to leave the Palace of Westminster within the next few years to allow for major restoration works. He highlighted the collapse of Carillion and the mounting evidence of the negative consequences of outsourcing, and drew attention to the recent ruling by the Competition and Markets Authority that the proposed takeover of Sky by Rupert Murdoch is not in the public interest, with a final decision pending. Kevin had held a short debate in parliament on autism and the criminal justice system and had co-sponsored a bill on penalty notice charges in private car parks, which has had its second reading. Kevin took questions on employment agencies and poor practice, on which he had written to Cardiff Council and on the need to be mindful of elected representatives' security in the wake of Jo Cox MP's murder and the Finsbury Park mosque attack, with local authorities needing to do more to

protect elected councillors. A short discussion followed on the impact of penalty charges and magic eye services in hospital car parks.

Cllr Russell Goodway: Russell began by supporting Kevin's remarks regarding the nominations process for the deputy leadership. He outlined the current situation regarding the Council budget, particularly in relation to educational funding and suggested that some Council sites will need to be sold off to raise funds for improvement projects, although no services would be outsourced. He highlighted positive progress around council house building, with 1500 council houses to be built by the end of the term. He further drew attention to a recent WASPI debate held by the Council and recent incidents at Windsor Clive primary school. Cllr Goodway took questions on the progress of the bus station, plans for which were likely to be finalised this month and on the impact on council leisure facilities under the management of the Better company.

Motion (Fairwater Branch): A motion on mandatory repayments aligned to the Universal Credit rollout was amended by Chris Yewlett and seconded by Peter Bradbury. The amended motion was passed unopposed and it was agreed to send it to the Council leader and to the other Cardiff CLPs.