

GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

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| Date of meeting: | 17 December 2019 |
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| Title of Item: | Gwynedd Council's Response to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill - November 2019 |

1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1. The Cabinet's approval to the draft response which has been prepared on behalf of the Council to the Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill - November 2019, for submission to the Full Council for approval on 19 December 2019.

2. THE REASON FOR THE NEED FOR A DECISION

- 2.1. There was a need to ensure an agreement on the content of the Council's response to the Bill and that the Cabinet had been given an opportunity to provide input on the content.

3. PRESENTATION AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill - November 2019 has been published for consultation. The deadline to respond to the consultation is 3 January 2019. A link to the full details is available below - [there is no need to print.](#)

[Link](#)

4. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

- 4.1. By approving the plan, it is intended to submit it for adoption at the next full meeting of the Council on 19 December 2019.

5. ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

- 5.1. Observations were requested, including the

5.2. Views of the Statutory Officers:

i. Monitoring Officer:

I have co-authored this report.

ii. Head of Finance Department:

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill proposes a comprehensive legislation which will affect several aspects of local government governance. As the response notes, financial implications will unavoidably stem from some of these requirements. For example, there is a strong possibility that some of the Incorporated Joint-committees will require significant administrative support. I note that the requirement for a significant increase in the number of lay members on the Audit and Governance Committee remains from the previous Bill published in 2015. At the time, the Committee members expressed concerns about this, and there is no reason to think that their opinion has changed in the interim.

Part 8 of the Bill refers to Local Government Finance, and local taxation specifically. I have no objection to the proposals in Part 8, as these are positive developments in local taxation.”

Appendices

Gwynedd Council’s observations on the November 2019 consultation – draft response