

Policy items dependent on the Outcome of Consultation

Topic	ODPM proposals for primary legislation	NAW position
Business Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New power to set the statutory framework for BIDs. b. New power to provide for the petitioning, balloting and appeal procedures relating to BIDs. c. New power to allow LAs to levy, collect and enforce an additional local rate. 	The preference of the Welsh Assembly government is for enabling legislation which provides for the National Assembly to determine the policy on business rates for Wales after due consideration of responses. This to include the provision for the Assembly to repeal existing legislation in relation to NNDR in Wales.
Exemption for places of religious worship	Amend wording of current provision.	Policy not yet agreed by the Welsh Assembly Government but it is likely that we would wish these provisions to apply in Wales.
Fire Authorities and precepting	New provisions turning Combined Fire Authorities into precepting authorities	Policy not yet agreed. Awaiting outcome of consultation. However, we wish that the provision should be drafted on such terms that it is at the discretion of the National Assembly for Wales if and when precepting for fire authorities is introduced in Wales.