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Bil Cyllid Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru)

Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill

Ymateb gan: Phil Broadhurst

Response from: Phil Broadhurst

I read in my local paper, the South Wales Guardian, about plans to change rules so that councils don't have to place adverts in papers regarding council tax changes.

I am worried about this, and other possible future plans to do the same with road closures, planning applications, etc, for two reasons...

1. Local democracy - It is good and fair to advertise these things in as public a place as possible, and also an independent place - ie not only on a council website.

2. I worry about the effect on local newspapers dealing with this loss of advertising.

This again actually is to do with local democracy, as local newspapers are a vital part of our local democracy.

They are also a vital part of our local community, providing support, awareness and networking for local community events and groups.

I would ask that the Welsh Government and our local councils support local newspapers by continuing to advertise in them.

Phil Broadhurst