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Dear Mark

The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025

At its meeting this afternoon, the Committee considered the Welsh Government response to its report on the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025.

The Committee notes that you intend to correct the errors in the draft Regulations that we identified in our Report prior to making the Regulations and subject to the Senedd's approval tomorrow afternoon. Unfortunately, the Committee is of the view that there is a problem with the Government's planned corrections.

To address the errors the Committee identified in the Welsh text of the draft Regulations, the Government plans to insert a new sub-paragraph (iii) into regulations 5(e), 8(e) and 17(b). Whilst this works in relation to the first two regulations, the Committee is of the view that this does not work for regulation 17 as that regulation does not contain roman numeral sub-paragraphs. Instead, the Committee believes that a new regulation 17(c) would need to be inserted.

We would be grateful if you would reflect on the planned corrections in light of our concerns and, during the Plenary debate, provide clarity to the Senedd on the changes that will be made to the Regulations prior to making.



Yours sincerely,

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