

Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill

One Voice Wales is recognised by the Welsh Government as the national representative body for community and town councils in Wales. It represents the sector on the Local Government Partnership Council and over three-quarters of the 735 community and town councils are already in membership, with numbers growing year on year. As well as our representative role, we also provide support and advice to councils on an individual basis and have previously launched, with Welsh Government support, a modular training programme for councillors, which continues to deliver effectively. We believe strongly that community councils are well-placed to develop the economic, social and environmental well-being of the areas they serve and, as such, are active and proactive in debating key issues such as energy policies, environmental issues and strategic planning. Our sector will support and co-operate with the developments that this bill and associated future bills will herald in terms of the changes needed.

One Voice Wales does not possess the specific expertise or specialist knowledge in order to be able to make detailed observations in relation to this bill, but members have studied the documentation contained in the consultation brief and are happy with and supportive of the approach being developed by the National Assembly for Wales.

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