

Response from Penarth Town Council to the National Assembly for Wales regarding the Consultation on the proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to community councils and councillor recruitment, retention and allowances.

Consultation Questions

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| 1. What are your views on the general principle that legislative competence in the areas identified in Matters 12.8 – 12.17 be conferred on the Assembly? | |
| The Town Council supports them as they would appear to improve democracy and give clear scope for the development of community and town councils and also recognise the important role of these said councils within the community | |
| 2. What are your views on the terms or scope of the proposed Order? For example, is it too narrowly or too broadly drawn? | |
| At this time the scope of the proposed order would appear to meet the needs to assist the development of Community and Town Councils. The scope of the revised Order should however, be kept under review and this Council recommends that the Welsh Assembly Government consult with all Town and Community Councils annually to monitor the revised Order. | |
| 3. What are your views on each of the Matters contained in the proposed Order? | |
| 12.8 | Welcomed by Penarth Town Council |
| 12.9 | Penarth Town Council does not see any great need for these powers. The arrangement with the Local Boundary Commission for Wales and the Welsh Assembly Government would appear to work well |
| 12.10 | Welcomed by Penarth Town Council |
| 12.11 | Welcomed by Penarth Town Council |
| 12.12 | Penarth Town Council would not wish to comment as we have an arrangement with the local Unitary Authority under the agreed Charter |
| 12.13 | Welcomed by Penarth Town Council |
| 12.14 | Welcomed by Penarth Town Council. Further recommendation: That when a local bi-election is called voting cards must be issued. |
| 12.15 | Penarth Town Council disagrees with this proposal and is considered a burden to the tax payer. |
| 12.16 | Penarth Town Council agrees that the Welsh Assembly Government should have the powers but the Council does not support the basic allowance for community councillors as envisaged in the Aberystwyth study. |
| 12.17 | Welcomed by Penarth Town Council |
| 4. What are your views on the specific exclusions to Matter 12.9 and the 'Interpretation of this field' paragraph? | |
| Penarth Town Council agrees with 12.9 as proposed | |
| 5. Do you have any comments relating to the proposed Order? | |
| As previously stated if the proposed Order is granted, Penarth Town Council strongly recommends that the arrangement should be revised annually. | |