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# Diweddariad am y brechlyn Vaccination Update



Cylchlythyr Wythnosol Weekly Newsletter

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## Weekly Progress (29 March - 6 April)

We hope you all had a lovely Easter weekend. We have now given a total of 374,773 vaccines (a combination of 1st and 2nd doses) across our Health Board area – this means that 9 out of 10 adults aged 50 and over have now received their first dose of the vaccine! This is a huge achievement and the Health Board would like to thank you all for attending your appointments.

Last week we started giving 2nd doses of AstraZeneca vaccine. Those due their second dose will start receiving appointment letters over the coming weeks. Please contact the telephone number on the appointment letter if you are unable to make your appointment.

Everyone over 50 and all at-risk adults with underlying health conditions have been offered a first dose of a Covid vaccine in Wales.

As a result, from this week, those in the 40-49 age group will start to receive their invitations for the vaccine.

## Appointments

### 50 years old and missed your appointment?

If you are aged 50 and above and missed your appointment for a first dose COVID-19 vaccination, please fill in the form on our website:

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/aged-50-and-above-and-not-received-your-covid-19-vaccination-appointment/>.

Please also ensure that your details with your registered GP practice are up to date so invites are sent to the correct address.

## Good news story



As a gesture of good will and as a thank you for the hard work all the staff involved in the vaccination programme, The Celtic Manor donated 500 Easter Eggs to the staff that have been working hard at our Mass Vaccination Centres and Booking Centre since the programme started. The military collected the eggs from hotel staff last Thursday and delivered them to all the relevant vaccination centres.

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Total number of  
Covid-19 vaccines given  
across our Health Board  
area (combination of  
1st and 2nd doses)

**374,773**

Total 1st dose **282,817**

Total 2nd dose **91,956**  
(up to 06/04/2021)

## VACCINATION FIGURES

(up to 06/04/2021)

### Age 80 years and over

 95.4%

### Age 75-79 years

 96.3%

### Age 70-74 years

 96.1%

### Age 65-69 years

 93.9%

### Group 6 (at risk)

 85.3%

### Age 60-64 years

 92.6%

### Age 55-59 years

 90.1%

### Age 50-54 years

 84.1%



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Thank you for your continued support.  
*Together we will help keep Gwent safe.*

## Are your details up-to-date?

Please ensure your details,  
including address and  
telephone number are  
up-to-date with your GP  
practice.

This information enables  
us to invite you for your  
vaccination.



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## If you have had your vaccination

It takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination.  
**It is important to continue to follow all safety guidelines** to help  
protect yourself. We do not yet know whether the Covid-19  
vaccination will stop you from catching and passing on the virus.

To find out which priority group you fall under, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-30-december-2020>

Public Health Wales publish daily vaccination figures on their website:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

For further information and FAQs on the delivery, eligibility and safety  
of the vaccine, please visit:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/about-the-vaccine/>

### Vaccination Deployment

Age 80 & over GP Practices	
Age 72-79	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 70-71	GP Practices
Group 4	GP Practices
Age 65-69	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 60-64	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 55-59	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 52-54	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 50-51	GP Practices
Housebound	Mobile Teams
Group 6	GP Practices

### Myth Buster #4

**Myth:** "The vaccine contains fetal cells."

**Fact:** No COVID-19 vaccine contains cells from aborted fetuses.

A replica cell line from a fetus aborted in 1973 was used to develop the AstraZeneca/Oxford University vaccine. However, the vaccine itself does not contain fetal cells.

New mRNA vaccines, such as those being developed by Pfizer and Moderna, are synthetic vaccines, sequenced on a computer in a lab, and do not use foetal cell lines in their production.



We will continue to keep you updated, however due to a number of variable factors, such as the supply of vaccine, allocated plans can change at short notice.

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# Electoral Reform NEWSLETTER



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## Returning Officers Charges Order, Account Regulations and Indemnity 2021

The Senedd Cymru (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2021 ("the Order") and the Senedd Cymru (Returning Officers' Accounts) Regulations 2021 ("the Regulations") came into force on 19 March. The Order sets the maximum amounts constituency returning officers (ROs) and regional returning officers (RROs) are able to claim from the Welsh Government for the conduct of the 2021 Senedd election. The Regulations stipulate how and when ROs should submit their election accounts in order to receive the funding provided for in the 2021 Order.

For 2021, the funding provided to ROs includes a payment for 'electoral administrators' which includes the RO, their deputies, and council officials and replaces the former personal fee paid to an RO.

Through the Order, additional funding has been provided to cover costs related to Covid 19, including the range of equipment required to ensure the protection of staff and public health. This includes personal protective equipment, social distancing aides, cleaning materials and additional staff to manage to polls.

Julie James MS, Minister for Housing and Local Government issued a written statement on the Order 22 March 2021 and said, "*We are all aware how difficult it has been to continue with the necessary local authority functions over the past year. Electoral administrators and ROs are no exception to this and have been working tirelessly in a challenging and ever-changing environment to prepare for these elections and maintain public confidence in our democracy. I am very grateful to them for their endeavours.*"  
<https://gov.wales/written-statement-senedd-cymru-returning-officers-charges-order-2021>

Claim forms and guidance notes for your election accounts will be circulated to you this week. We recommend that you read the guidance notes carefully and you can contact us with any queries through the Elections mailbox. Accounts must be returned within six months of the election.

## Postponed by-elections

As of 1<sup>st</sup> March by-elections postponed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic have been able to resume. We would be very grateful if Returning Officers and electoral administrators could let us know when you intend to hold by-elections by contacting the elections mailbox if you haven't already done so.

## Communication resources and Welsh Government outreach to harder to reach groups

The Welsh Government's national campaign encouraging awareness and engagement with Welsh democracy is now live. Following on from the last electoral newsletter the stakeholder toolkit is now available at: <https://wales.assetbank-server.com/assetbank-wales/images/assetbox/73720397-07c3-4c1b-9dd7-d027538de2f5/assetbox.html>

## Lateral Flow Testing for Staff

The Guidance to persons undertaking election campaigning activities in Wales during the Coronavirus pandemic has been updated following the end of the "stay local" restriction.

Welsh Government has also confirmed its position on lateral flow device (LFD) testing for elections staff in a letter from the Deputy Chief Medical Officer to Regional Returning Officers. LFD testing was included as a means of risk mitigation in the joint advice provided by the Technical Advisory Cell and Chief Medical Officer. The issue has been discussed by the Testing Clinical Advisory and Prioritising Group and the clear view was that LFD testing should not be required for the election, as the additional benefit over and above the preparations already being made would not justify the effort required to organise testing and the risks that might create. The Group agreed that it could be reasonable for LFD testing to be implemented, in the event that an RRO is advised to this effect by a local or regional incident management team.

Further reviews under section 15 of the Welsh Elections (Coronavirus) Act are due to be completed by 2 April and 23 April.

## Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Royal Mail

The SLA with Royal Mail for the delivery of candidates' election material has been signed by both Welsh Government and Royal Mail.

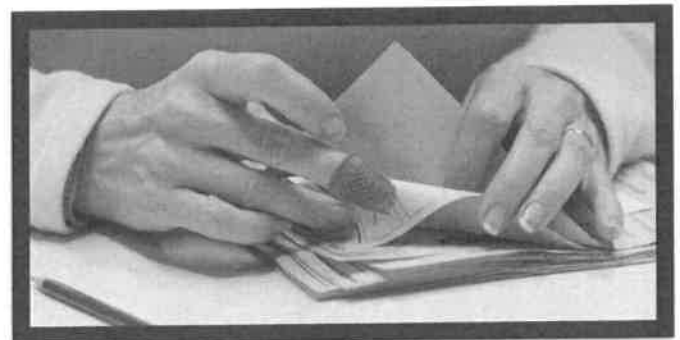
The Welsh Government is responsible for paying the postage costs for candidates and registered political parties under Article 65 of the National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007, which provides that candidates have the right to send one piece of electoral communication free of charge. They may send either one piece of addressed communication to each elector or one unaddressed item of communication to a household.

The legislation puts certain restriction on the candidates and political parties' electoral communications and it also stipulates that the service must be provided by a universal service provider.

The only universal service provider who can fulfil this requirement is Royal Mail.

## Household Notification Letter Grant Payment

The grant payments to fund an additional HNL have been made and the Electoral Reform Grant scheme has now ended. A review of the grant scheme will take place by autumn 2021 when we will be asking electoral administrators to report on their spending.



## Legislation for the Senedd election comes into force

The Welsh Elections (Coronavirus) Act 2021 received Royal Assent on 16 March and came into force on 17 March. It can be accessed at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asc/2021/2/contents>.

The Act applies only to the ordinary general election due to be held on 6 May 2021 and will not apply to any subsequent elections to the Senedd. It also responds to the potential risks of coronavirus by enabling local government by-elections to be postponed beyond 6 May 2020 if required. In particular, the Act puts in place a mechanism to postpone the date of the poll for the 2021 Senedd election for up to six months for a reason relating to coronavirus. The Act also provides for a shorter dissolution period for the Senedd ahead of the election to enable the Senedd to agree to the fixing of a new date for the poll if this is necessary in light of the unfolding pandemic and quickly evolving circumstances.

The Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2021 was made on 17 March and came into force on 18 March. To continue to have effect, it was required to be approved by the Senedd within 28 days and the Senedd did this on 24 March. It can be accessed at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2021/335/contents/made>.

The Order makes technical changes to the final deadline for delivery of nomination papers (4.00pm on the nineteenth day before polling day) and the home address form for candidates residing outside of Wales.

In accordance with the Act, the Welsh Government laid a statement before the Senedd on 24 March (<https://senedd.wales/media/kb1dn1mp/ws-ld14286-e.pdf>) setting out the results of the second review of preparations for holding the poll on 6 May and concluding that, based on the information available, the Welsh Government's firm intention at that point in time was for the election to be held on 6 May as planned. Further reviews will be held by 2 and 23 April.

## Campaigning guidance

Pursuant to section 9 of the Welsh Elections (Coronavirus) Act 2021 guidance has been published for those undertaking elections campaign activities for the purpose of the 2021 election. [Guidance to persons undertaking election campaigning activities in Wales during the Coronavirus pandemic | GOV.WALES](#)

Julie James AC/AM  
Y Gweinidog Tai a Llywodraeth Leol  
Minister for Housing and Local Government



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Ein cyf/Our ref – CPO Manual

24 March 2021

Heads of Planning, Local Planning Authorities  
Regeneration Leads, Local Authorities,  
Estates and Property heads, Local Authorities

Dear Colleague,

The Welsh Government supports the use of compulsory purchase powers by local authorities to facilitate the economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and promote placemaking principles to deliver beneficial environmental, social and economic change in our communities.

To achieve this, the Welsh Government is committed to removing barriers to the use of compulsory purchase powers by improving confidence and understanding along with dispelling myths on the compulsory purchase process. Our approach is to support the 'up-skilling' of local authority colleagues to allow them to navigate the compulsory purchase order (CPO) process and effectively deliver public policy benefits. This includes the development of public land for social housing and the reuse of empty properties in our town centres.

As part of our commitment to strengthen the use of compulsory purchase powers by local authorities, today I have published the Welsh Government's Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Manual. The CPO Manual resource provides:

- technical guidance and best practice on:
  - (a) project management including an "end to end" overview of the CPO process,
  - (b) how to make a CPO including step-by-step advice,
  - (c) engaging and negotiating with affected parties, and
  - (d) making compensation payments;
- case studies on the successful use of compulsory purchase powers; and
- a suite of standard templates and examples of CPO documents.

The CPO Manual supplements the revised national planning policy on use of compulsory purchase powers and the high level guidance contained in Circular 003/2019: Compulsory Purchase in Wales and 'The Crichel Down Rules (Wales Version 2020)' which I published last year. The CPO Manual can be access here:

<https://gov.wales/planning-policy-guidance-compulsory-purchase>

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am committed to improving the compulsory purchase process to make it fairer, more efficient and intelligible. The publication of the innovative CPO Manual provides a streamlined and consistent approach to navigating the compulsory purchase process which can help limit successful legal challenges to CPOs.

The Manual will be of interest to a wide range of local authority functions and I encourage you to share it with any part of your organisation who may be involved in the use of compulsory purchase powers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie James". The ink is a light grey color.

Julie James AS/MS  
Y Gweinidog Tai a Llywodraeth Leol  
Minister for Housing and Local Government



## Fao Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk - Salem Chapel Delisting Request

From: Michael.Weatherhead@gov.wales

Sent: Thu, 25 Mar, 2021 at 16:02

To: clerk@nantygloandblainatc.co.uk

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Hello Tracy,

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 2020 asking Cadw to consider delisting the interior of Salem Chapel. Please accept my apologies for the lengthy delay in replying – our designations programme has been operating intermittently for the last year due to the restrictions.

Salem was listed in 1999 as a well-designed mid C19 Baptist Chapel with much of its original character intact, description here:

<https://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/listedbuilding/FullReport?lang=&id=22382>

I'm afraid there is no mechanism for delisting just the interior. Notwithstanding the loss of the pews, we were aware of the historic changes to the building when our inspector visited in 1999, and the building as a whole appears to remain as described - in particular, the fine gallery cited in the reasons for listing is still in situ - so we consider it still meets the criteria for listing. We agree with that there is no direct link between the chapel and the Chartist movement, and this is reflected in the description.

Listing does not prevent change to the chapel, if that is what the town council wishes, but this would be regulated by the local authority through Listed Building Consent. If that's the case, you may wish to make contact with the acting conservation officer for Blaenau Gwent, contact details below.

Monmouthshire CC	Amy Longford	<a href="mailto:amylongford@monmouthshire.gov.uk">amylongford@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a> 01633 644877
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You may also wish to glance at our published guidance [here](#), particularly *Understanding Listing and Managing Change*.

Thank you,

Mike Weatherhead  
Casework Team Leader

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## FW: Welsh Government Use Your Views Toolkit and QFC's resources

From: Tracy Gilmartin &lt;tgilmartin@onevoicewales.wales&gt;

Sent: Fri, 26 Mar, 2021 at 09:59

To: Tracy Gilmartin

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Democratic Renewal Toolkit Introduction - English.pdf (3 MB)

Democratic Renewal Toolkit Introduction - Welsh.pdf (3 MB) — **Download all**

For your information / Ar gyfer eich gwybodaeth

**Subject:** Welsh Government Use Your Views Toolkit and QFC's resources

Prynhawn da / Good afternoon,

Please see attached for Welsh Governments *Use Your Views* toolkit for communications which is available in English and Welsh. Further digital resources are available in Traditional Chinese, Mandarin, Polish, Bengali and Urdu via this link: <https://wales.assetbank-server.com/assetbank-wales/images/assetbox/73720397-07c3-4c1b-9dd7-d027538de2f5/assetbox.html> and have been designed to be used with QFC communities - please see below for the full information and share widely with your networks.

Cofion cynnes / Best wishes,  
Nia

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Helo,

Mae gan bawb ei farn. Ond ydy llais pob un ohonom yn cael ei glywed?

Er mwyn i ddemocratiaeth yng Nghymru weithio i bawb, mae angen i fwy o bobl gymryd rhan yn y broses. I leisio eu barn er lles pawb drwy bleidleisio, cysylltu Æ chynrychiolydd, neu drwy gychwyn neu lofnodi deiseb.

Er mwyn annog mwy o bobl i gymryd rhan mewn democratiaeth yng Nghymru, mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi lansio ymgyrch gyfathrebu integredig. Mae'r ymgyrch yn targedu pobl ifanc 16-17 oed a gwladolion tramor sy'n byw yng Nghymru, a fydd yn gallu pleidleisio yn etholiadau'r Senedd am y tro cyntaf eleni. Mae'r ymgyrch hefyd yn targedu pobl o gefndiroedd incwm is a chynulleidfahangach o bobl ledled Cymru nad ydynt, o bosib, yn gwybod sut y gallan nhw gymryd camau cadarnhaol i wneud gwahaniaeth i'r pethau sy'n bwysig iddyn nhw.

Hello,

Views, we've all got them. But are we all having our voices heard?

We want democracy in Wales to work for everyone, we need more people to engage in the process. To put their views to good use by voting, contacting a representative, or starting or signing a petition.

To encourage more people to get involved in democracy in Wales, Welsh Government has launched an integrated communications campaign. The campaign is targeting young people aged 16-17 and foreign nationals living in Wales, who will be able to vote in the Senedd elections for the first time this year, as well as those from lower income backgrounds and a wider audience of people across Wales who may not know how they can take positive action to make a difference to the things they care about.

We will be directing people to a designated campaign landing page

Byddwn yn cyfeirio pobl at dudalen bwrpasol ar gyfer yr ymgyrch ar wefan Llywodraeth Cymru [llyw.cymru/dweud-dy-ddweud](http://llyw.cymru/dweud-dy-ddweud). Yno, byddwn yn annog ymwelwyr i ddysgu mwy am y gwahanol ffyrdd o gymryd rhan mewn democratiaeth.

Mae angen eich help arnom i godi ymwybyddiaeth o'r ymgyrch ar draws eich sianeli a'ch rhwydweithiau. Gallwch estyn allan at bobl sydd ddim yn cymryd rhan mewn democratiaeth a sydd ddim yn gwybod sut i gymryd camau cadarnhaol a sicrhau bod eu lleisiau'n cael eu clywed.

Rydym wedi datblygu set o adnoddau (sef testun ar gyfer gwefannau, e-fwletin enghreifftiol, poster, negeseuon ar gyfer cyfryngau cymdeithasol a fideos ar gyfer cyfryngau cymdeithasol x2). Mae'n hawdd eu hychwanegu at eich gwefan chi, eu cynnwys mewn cylchlythyr rheolaidd, a'u defnyddio ar eich sianeli cyfryngau cymdeithasol.

<https://wales.assetbank-server.com/assetbank-wales/images/assetbox/73720397-07c3-4c1b-9dd7-d027538de2f5/assetbox.html>

### **Tagio ar y cyfryngau Cymdeithasol**

Rydym wedi darparu testun ar gyfer y cyfryngau cymdeithasol, yn Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg, i gefnogi'r adnoddau digidol sydd wedi cael eu creu, os ydych chi'n fodlon eu postio'n uniongyrchol o'ch sianeli chi. Mae hefyd adnoddau ar gael yn Tsieineeg, Mandarin, Pwyleg, Bengaleg ac Wrddw. Byddem hefyd yn eich cynghori i ddefnyddio'r hashnod #dweuddyddweud #useyourviews pan fo hynny'n bosibl.

Caiff yr holl gynnwys y telir amdano ei hyrwyddo o sianeli cyfryngau cymdeithasol Llywodraeth Cymru, felly dyma ofyn i chi dagio @LlywodraethCymru mewn unrhyw negeseuon ar-lein.

housed on the Welsh Government website [gov.wales/use-your-views](http://gov.wales/use-your-views) where we will encourage visitors to find out more about the different ways in which they can get involved in democracy.

We need your help to raise awareness of the campaign across your channels and networks, reaching out to people who are disengaged with democracy and don't know how they can take positive action and have their voices heard.

We have developed a set of assets (including some website copy, a template e-bulletin, poster, social media posts and social media videos x2) which can easily be added to your website, included in a regular newsletter and used on your social media channels.

<https://wales.assetbank-server.com/assetbank-wales/images/assetbox/73720397-07c3-4c1b-9dd7-d027538de2f5/assetbox.html>

### **Tagging on social media**

We've provided suggested social media copy in both Welsh and English to support the digital assets that have been created if you are happy to post directly from your channels. There are also resources in Chinese, Mandarin, Polish, Bengali and Urdu. We would also advise using #useyourviews / #dweuddyddweud where possible.

All paid content will be promoted from the Welsh Government social media channels so we would ask you to tag @WelshGovernment in any online posts.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Diolch ymlaen llaw am eich cefnogaeth.	
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Nia Thomas

Communications and Research Assistant/Cynorthwy-ydd Cyfathrebiadau a Ymchwil, ERS Cymru

Please note, I work part-time, my hours are Mondays, Tuesday mornings and Wednesdays, and therefore might take longer to get back to you/Sylwch, rwy'n gweithio'n rhan amser, mae fy oriau craidd ar Ddydd Llun, bore Mawrth a Ddydd Mercher, ac felly efallai y bydd yn cymryd mwy o amser i ddod yn Â'i atoch chi.

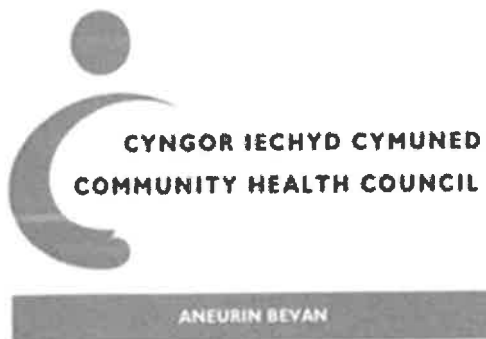
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## MEETING OF ANEURIN BEVAN COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Full Council of Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council will take place at 1:30 pm, via Microsoft Teams, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council is a statutory organisation representing the public who use the National Health Service. Our meetings are open to the public and local people are invited to attend. There will be an opportunity for people to raise issues of concern directly.

Members of the public also have the right to inspect or be given copies of agenda papers which are available at the meeting. If you would like to receive a copy of the papers in English or Welsh prior to the meeting or if you would like to attend and require simultaneous Welsh translation, please contact the address below within 7 days of the meeting.

If you would like to know more about our work, please contact us at:

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**Angela Mutlow**  
**Chief Officer**

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## MEETING OF ANEURIN BEVAN COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

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**Angela Mutlow**  
**Chief Officer**

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# APRIL 2021 - Remote training sessions that are taking place in April/ ATGOFFA - EBRILL 2021 - Sesiynau hyfforddiant o bell a gynhelir ym misEbrill.

From: Wendi Patience <wpatience@onevoicewales.wales>

Sent: Wed, 31 Mar, 2021 at 10:14

To: Wendi Patience

Cc: Wendi Patience

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below details of Remote training sessions that are taking place in April, please bring this to the attention of your council.

The cost of the training is £30 for members or £50 per person for non members. You will be invoiced after the training has taken place.

There is a bursary available to eligible councils.

Session times are listed against the module date.

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- 7 APR 2021

TOWN COUNCIL

06/04/2021	Tuesday	Code of Conduct Module 9	2.00-3.30pm
06/04/2021	Tuesday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8pm
07/04/2021	Wednesday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8pm
07/04/2021	Wednesday	Advanced Local Government Finance Module 21	6.30-8pm
07/04/2021	Wednesday	Chairing Skills Module 10	2.00-3.30pm
07/04/2021	Wednesday	The Council Module 1	6.30-8pm
08/04/2021	Thursday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8pm
08/04/2021	Thursday	The Councillor Module 2	6.30-8pm
12/04/2021	Monday	Advanced Local Government Finance Module 21	6.30-8pm
12/04/2021	Monday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8pm
13/04/2021	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8pm
13/04/2021	Tuesday	Understanding the Law Module 4	2.00-3.30pm
13/04/2021	Tuesday	Information Management Module 15	6.30-8pm
14/04/2021	Wednesday	Code of Conduct Module 9	6.30-8pm
14/04/2021	Wednesday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8pm
14/04/2021	Wednesday	Advanced Local Government Finance Module 21	6.30-8pm
15/04/2021	Thursday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8pm

15/04/2021	Thursday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	2.00-3.30pm
15/04/2021	Thursday	Advanced Local Government Finance Module 21	6.30-8pm
19/04/2021	Monday	The Councillor Module 2	6.30-8pm
19/04/2021	Monday	The Council Meeting Module 5	2.00-3.30pm
20/04/2021	Tuesday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8pm
20/04/2021	Tuesday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8pm
20/04/2021	Tuesday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8pm
21/04/2021	Wednesday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8pm
21/04/2021	Wednesday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8pm
21/04/2021	Wednesday	Advanced Local Government Finance Module 21	6.30-8pm
21/04/2021	Wednesday	Chairing Skills Module 10	2.00-3.30pm
22/04/2021	Thursday	Information Management Module 15	6.30-8pm
22/04/2021	Thursday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8pm
26/04/2021	Monday	Advanced Local Government Finance Module 21	6.30-8pm
26/04/2021	Monday	Equality & Diversity Module 14	6.30-8pm
27/04/2021	Tuesday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8pm
27/04/2021	Tuesday	The Council Module 1	2.00-3.30pm
27/04/2021	Tuesday	Effective Staff Management Module 18	6.30-8pm
28/04/2021	Wednesday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8pm
28/04/2021	Wednesday	Code of Conduct Module 9	2.00-3.30pm
28/04/2021	Wednesday	Advanced Local Government Finance Module 21	6.30-8pm
28/04/2021	Wednesday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8pm
29/04/2021	Thursday	Understanding the Law Module 4	6.30-8pm
29/04/2021	Thursday	The Council Meeting Module 5	2.00-3.30pm
29/04/2021	Thursday	The Council as an Employer Module 3	6.30-8pm
30/04/2021	Friday	Local Government Finance Module 6	6.30-8pm

Many thanks.  
Wendi

Annwyl Gyfaill,

Wele isod fanylion sesiynau hyfforddiant o bell a gynhelir ym mis Ebrill.



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Good Afternoon

I hope you can help me ?

I wondered if any local councillors or the Mayor may be free to support us celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cwmcelyn

Our nursing home which supports older people with various mental health issues.

This is a virtual zoom event.

Staff and residents will be having a party in the home.

Please let me know if any councillors or the Mayor can join us virtually ?

It would mean a great deal to staff, families and of course our lovely residents.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Easter

Kindest regards

Jane

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- 7 APR 2021  
TOWN COUNCIL



# Cwm Celyn

Blaina | Gwent

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 at 2.30pm

Please join us in celebrating and taking a look over the last 30 years

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Log into Zoom using the details below and join in the fun!

Click link to join Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/99602276371?pwd=TWowa3JpdEF3a0ltakVaSFhRTGpKUT09>

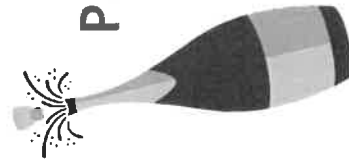
or

Meeting ID: 996 0227 6371    Passcode: 685431

In attendance virtually Russell Brown, Chief Financial Officer for Shaw healthcare

**RSVP:** Jane Harris - Relationships & Sales Manager

by 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 on 07816 600834 or [Jane.Harris@shaw.co.uk](mailto:Jane.Harris@shaw.co.uk)



NANTYGLO & BLAINA

- 7 APR 2021

TOWN COUNCIL

Julie James AS/MS  
Y Gweinidog Tai a Llywodraeth Leol  
Minister for Housing and Local Government  
NANTYGLO & BLAINA

25 MAR 2021  
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Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

To: Leaders of Local Authorities in Wales

Cc: Chief Executives / Welsh Local Government Association / One Voice Wales / Chairs of National Park authorities / Chairs of fire and rescue authorities

24 March 2021

Dear Leaders

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021**

Further to my previous letters, I can now confirm that I have made the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order 2021. This is the final commencement Order that I will be making in respect of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ("the 2021 Act") at this time.

This commencement Order brings into force, to the extent not already commenced, sections 47 and 49 of, and Schedule 4 to, the 2021 Act.

From 1 May, local authorities will be required to make arrangements to ensure their meetings are capable of being held remotely. In addition, changes will be made to the way in which documents are accessed and summonses are sent. The new regime will be largely based on the temporary regime introduced by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations").

The 2020 Regulations only apply in relation to meetings held before 1 May. As such the right of the public and the press to attend meetings will be restored from that date, although that will be subject to any continuing public health regulations.

I have also made the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 which will also apply from 1 May onwards.

These Regulations amend the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2001 to reflect the fact that executive meetings may be held partially or fully remotely.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.  
We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

They also make other changes relating to executive meetings and executive decisions, including complementary and supporting amendments so as to require documents related to such meetings and decisions to be published electronically.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie James".

**Julie James AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Tai a Llywodraeth Leol  
Minister for Housing and Local Government

## **Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act – commencement, implementation and guidance**

NANTYGLO & BLAINA

### **Purpose**

- 7 APR 2021

1. To update the Partnership Council on the steps being taken to bring the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act into force and support their implementation.

### **Background**

2. The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ("the Act") was passed in the Senedd on 18 November 2020 and received Royal Assent on 20 January 2021.
3. In order to provide local authorities with certainty as to what legislative changes are being implemented when, and ensure the required preparations can be made, it is intended to make three Commencement Orders, accompanied by other relevant subordinate legislation, during March 2021.
4. These orders will bring the relevant provisions into force on a series of dates between March 2021 and 5 May 2022. In light of the pandemic, the timetable for the scrutiny of the Act by the Senedd was extended. As a consequence the commencement of a number of the Act's provisions has been postponed to 5 May 2022 to correspond with the date of the next local government elections.
5. The Welsh Government consider this approach to be more appropriate and less disruptive to local authorities, especially in light of the ongoing pandemic, rather than subjecting the sector to a number of new requirements within the year preceding the elections.
6. A range of guidance, and other means of support, are being developed to support the implementation of these provisions.

### **Update**

7. It is intended to make the three Commencement Orders as follows:

- The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision) Order 2021 is due to be made by 5<sup>th</sup> March.

This Order will bring into force a number of provisions across Parts 3, 4 and 9 of the Act.

- The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provisions) Order 2021 is due to be made by 12<sup>th</sup> March.

This is subject to the Senedd approving the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2021 which need to be brought into force in line with this commencement order.

The second Commencement Order provides for the bringing into force of Part 6 of the 2021 Act, which provides, amongst other things, for a new performance and governance regime for principal councils and gives the Welsh Ministers new support and intervention powers, the restructuring provisions within Part 7 of the Act, the information sharing provisions in section 159 and the disapplication of the

Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 ("the 2009 Measure") to principal councils and National Park authorities.

- The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order 2021 is due to be made by 18<sup>th</sup> March.

This is subject to the Senedd approving the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2021 which need to be brought into force in line with this commencement order.

The third commencement order brings into force provisions in respect of attendance, including remote attendance, at local authority meetings and provisions in relation to the arrangements for local authority meetings and documents, including requiring electronic publication of certain meeting documents.

### **Provisions coming into force the day after the first Commencement Order is made**

8. The first Commencement Order will bring into force, on the day after the Order is made, all Regulation making powers of the Welsh Ministers, in Parts 2, 3 and 4 of the Act, that are not yet in force. This is necessary to facilitate the drafting, consulting upon and making of the necessary subordinate legislation to support the implementation of the Act.
9. Section 161(1) of the Act, which requires principal councils to have regard to guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers in respect of their allocation of resources to the officer designated as Head of Democratic Services, will also come into force on this day.
10. Finally, section 59, which makes provision in respect of the content of, and duty to have regard to, guidance under section 38 of the Local Government Act 2000 will also come into force at this time.

### **Provisions coming into force on 1 April 2021**

#### Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

11. The first Commencement Order will bring into force sections 163 and 164 of the Act which make provision in relation to appointment by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission of its chief executive and enable the Welsh Ministers to give directions to the Commission and to principal councils, relating to the exercise of their functions under Part 3 of the 2013 Act

#### Performance and governance of principal councils, including disapplication of the 2009 Measure

12. The second Commencement Order will bring into force, on 1 April 2021, the majority of Chapters 1 and 3 of Part 6 of the Act in respect of the performance and governance of principal councils.
13. This will ensure that the new performance regime, other than panel performance assessments, will apply to principal councils from, and in relation to, the 2021-2022 financial year. This will allow principal councils the entire financial year to conduct their first self-assessment and report early in 2022-23. Councils will continue to report

under the 2009 Measure for the 2020-21 financial year with reports to be published in October 2021.

14. The provisions relating to panel performance assessments will commence on 5 May 2022 in line with the next local government elections. This will allow for a more gradual and measured roll out of the new regime, allowing for at least one cycle of self-assessments to be conducted before requiring a panel assessment be completed.
15. The second Commencement Order also disappplies the 2009 Measure to principal councils and includes saving provisions to ensure that the exercise of certain functions, and other things, done under the 2009 Measure continue to have effect following the disapplication of the Measure.
16. Section 159 of the Act, to the extent not already commenced, will also be brought into force on 1 April. This section deals with information sharing between regulators, the Auditor General for Wales and the Welsh Ministers. The majority of section 159 came into force on the day after Royal Assent by virtue of section 175 of the Act.
17. As a result of the introduction of the new performance regime in Part 6, and the subsequent disapplication of the 2009 Measure, a number of consequential amendments are required to other enactments, these are provided for in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2021, which have been laid in draft before the Senedd.

#### *Guidance*

18. During March the Welsh Government will publish guidance to support the implementation of the new performance and governance regime for principal councils.
19. Welsh Government officials have been working with local government for the last 24 months to co-produce this guidance, with a formal consultation on the draft guidance having concluded in February. The responses to that consultation have been carefully considered and taken into account for the final version of the guidance.

#### Re-naming of Audit Committees

20. The second commencement Order will also bring section 115 of the Act into force on 1 April 2021. This section provides for the re-naming of Audit Committees to Governance and Audit Committees and requires these Committees to undertake additional functions, namely those functions set out in Chapter 1 of Part 6 of the Act and:
  - (a) review and assess the authority's ability to handle complaints effectively;
  - (b) make reports and recommendations in relation to the authority's ability to handle complaints effectively

#### Restructuring of principal areas

21. The provisions in Part 7 of the Act in respect of restructuring of principal areas will also be brought into force on 1 April 2021, this provision is again made in the second Commencement Order.



National Park authorities – 2009 Measure

22. The second Commencement Order will also bring into force section 169 of the Act, which disapplies the 2009 Measure to National Park authorities, on this date. The Order will also provide for associated saving provisions to ensure that the exercise of certain functions, and other things, done under the 2009 Measure continue to have effect following the disapplication of the Measure.
23. Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2021 detailed above also provides for the necessary consequential amendments in respect of National Park authorities.
24. A non-statutory performance regime is being introduced for National Park authorities based around a Framework Agreement which has been signed by the Welsh Government and the three National Park authorities' Chief Executive Officers.

Fire and rescue authorities – 2009 Measure

25. Whilst the 2009 Measure is being disapplied to principal councils and National Park authorities it will continue to apply to fire and rescue authorities. Disapplying the 2009 Measure to fire and rescue authorities is dependant on the development of a new performance framework under section 167 of the Act, which in turn depends on a new National Framework for Fire and Rescue Services under section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004. Work in this area has been paused due to the heightened pressure on the Service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Family absence for members of principal councils

26. The draft Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 were laid last month and are due to be debate by the Senedd on 2 March. These Regulations provide for amendments to the Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013 ("the 2013 Regulations").
27. These Regulations will amend the 2013 Regulations so as to increase adopter's absence entitlement for members of principal councils from 2 weeks to 26 weeks. This will result in the same periods of maternity and adopter's absence being available to members of principal councils and provide for similar arrangements for adopter's absence as are already in place for maternity absence.
28. Subject to the Senedd approving these Regulations they will be made by 5 March 2021 and brought into force on 1 April 2021.

**Provisions coming into force on 1 May 2021**

29. The third Commencement Order will bring into force, on 1 May 2021, section 47 of the Act, which provides for attendance, including remote attendance, at local authority meetings, and Schedule 4 to the Act (as introduced by section 49) so far as these provisions are not already in force.
30. Part 1 of Schedule 4 amends existing legislation, primarily Part 5A of, and Schedule 12 to, the Local Government Act 1972 ("the 1972 Act") and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to make provision in relation to arrangements for local authority meetings and documents, including requiring electronic publication of

certain meeting documents. Part 2 of Schedule 4 makes certain consequential amendments as a result of section 47.

31. These provisions, which relate to principal councils, town and community councils, National Park authorities, fire and rescue authorities and port health authorities<sup>1</sup>, were inserted at Stage 3 for the purpose of making permanent arrangements in respect of certain provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations").
32. The 2020 Regulations provided flexibility to enable local authorities to operate safely, effectively and lawfully, while retaining the principles of openness and accountability to the public by, for example, enabling meetings to be conducted on the basis of full or partial remote attendance and by making provision about the electronic publication of certain documents.
33. As the 2020 Regulations only make provision in relation to meetings held before 1 May commencing the provisions of the Act on this date will enable authorities to transition from the 2020 Regulations to the permanent provisions of the Act. The necessary transitional provisions will be provided for in the third Commencement Order to ensure a smooth transition from the 2020 Regulations to the provisions of the Act in respect of any meetings being held in early May.
34. As a result of the amendments made to the 1972 Act by Schedule 4, a number of consequential amendments are required to other enactments. These are provided for in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2021 which have been laid in draft before the Senedd.
35. These Regulations also provide that documents published electronically, as required under the 2020 Regulations, must be accessible for six years from the date of the meeting to which they relate. Currently the 2020 Regulations do not specify how long documents required to be published electronically under those Regulations must remain accessible, effectively requiring them to be accessible indefinitely.

### *Guidance*

36. The Welsh Government will make guidance available to support local authorities in implementing these provisions. This guidance will highlight the importance of considering matters such as equality, specifically complying with the duties under the Equality Act 2010, and the expectation that reasonable adjustments are made when deciding on what meeting arrangements are appropriate. For example, it is expected to this to include consideration of matters such as providing subtitling facilities etc.

### *Digital Democracy*

37. Alongside the development of guidance, work is underway to consider how best to exploit the potential of digital technology to support open and transparent local democracy which is accessible to everyone.
38. To information this work the Welsh Government have commissioned the Centre for Digital Public Services to undertake a discovery project which will:

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<sup>1</sup> for a port health district in Wales constituted under section 2 of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984

- (a) consider all aspects of the Act and what the future of digital democracy looks like in 2022 and beyond, both for councils and citizens
- (b) identify where we are now and how we get from here to being able to fully carry out the requirements in the new Act

Amending the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2001

- 39. There was insufficient time to include provision in the Act amending the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (“the 2001 Regulations”) so as to align the arrangements for the executives of principal councils with the revised provisions in Part 5A of the 1972 Act as amended by Schedule 4 to the Act.
- 40. To address this issue, the Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 have been prepared with the intention of their being made during March and brought into force on 1 May 2021.
- 41. As a consequence of the limited timeframe for the drafting and making of these Regulations following the passing of the Act, it has not been possible to undertake a formal consultation on the amendments to the 2001 Regulations. Welsh Government officials have engaged informally with the key stakeholders, such as local government lawyers (who also informed the development of the 2020 Regulations).
- 42. Whilst formal consultation is the standard, valuable, practice, in this instance the criticality of ensuring the amendments to the 2001 Regulations are brought into force on 1 May, so as to align the provisions for the executives of principal council with those for principal council and other local government bodies, has meant it has not been possible.

**Provisions coming into force on 1 November 2021**

General power of competence

- 43. The general power of competence will be brought into force for principal councils on 1 November 2021. As detailed during scrutiny of the Act it is intended to make Regulations requiring qualifying local authorities to satisfy certain criteria before exercising the general power to do something for a commercial purpose.
- 44. The draft General Power of Competence (Commercial Purpose) (Conditions) (Wales) Regulations 2021, which require principal councils to prepare and approve a business case before using the general power to do something for a commercial purpose, will be issued for formal consultation during March.
- 45. Subject to the outcome of that consultation, it is intended these Regulations be made before the general power is brought into force for principal councils.

**Provisions coming into force on 1 April 2022**

Duty on community councils to prepare an annual report

- 46. The first Commencement Order will bring into force section 52 of the Act which requires town and community councils to prepare and publish a report about the

council's priorities, activities and achievements. Councils will be required to publish their first report, which will relate to the 2021-22 financial year, as soon as practicable after the end of that financial year.

### **Provisions coming into force on 5 May 2022**

47. The following provisions will be brought into force on 5 May 2022

#### Principal councils

48. The first Commencement Order will bring the following provisions into force on 5 May 2022:

- Public participation duty including duty to prepare a public participation strategy (sections 39 – 41)
- Duty to establish a petitions scheme (section 42)
- Duty to publish official addresses (section 43)
- Duty to have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers under Chapter 2 of Part 3 (section 44)
- Duty to publish a constitution and constitution guide (section 45)
- Duty to make arrangements to enable the electronic broadcasting of meetings (section 46)
- Appointment of a chief executive (section 54)
- Reconsideration of remuneration following direction by the Welsh Ministers (section 56)
- Appointment of assistants to executive (section 57)
- Job sharing (section 58)
- Duty of political group leaders in relation to standards of conduct (section 62)
- Making information available to overview and scrutiny committees (section 65)
- Power to require authorities to appoint joint overview and scrutiny committees (section 66)
- Removal of the restriction on monitoring officers also being designated head of democratic services (section 161)
- Abolition of polls consequent on a community meeting (section 162)

#### *Guidance*

49. In order to ensure local authorities have the necessary support and assistance when implementing these provisions the Welsh Government will publish guidance underpinning the provisions which is clear about the culture and approach expected when implementing the legislation.

50. In addition to developing new guidance, existing guidance will be re-visited and updated.

51. Rather than create numerous pieces of separate guidance which have to be read together, a consolidated set of guidance, currently referred to as 'the Democracy Handbook', will be prepared. This guidance will be grounded in the values and principles of equality, transparency, accountability, respect and partnership between electors and those that have been elected

52. The second Commencement Order will bring the following provisions into force on 5 May 2022:
- Panel assessments of performance (section 92 and 93)
  - Governance and Audit Committees: Membership and Proceedings (Chapter 2 of Part 6)

#### Town and community councils

53. The first Commencement Order will bring the general power of competence into force for town and community councils on 5 May 2022.
54. Commencing the general power for town and community councils on this date will allow for the preparation of, and consultation on, the necessary subordinate legislation and statutory guidance to support the implementation of these provisions. This will include Regulations defining a ‘relevant professional qualification’ for community council clerks and provision to extend the requirement to prepare and approve a business case before using the general power to do something for a commercial purpose to town and community councils.
55. When the general power is commenced for town and community councils the power of well-being, as provided for in section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, will be repealed. Provision will be made in the Commencement Order to save the power of well-being, so as to ensure that anything which has been started by a council before, and is ongoing at, the time the well-being power is repealed can continue until it that thing is completed, or until a council resolves to become an eligible community council. Nothing new may be started using the well-being power after it is repealed
56. In addition to the general power of competence, the following provisions will be brought into force on 5 May 2022 by the first Commencement Order:
- Participation at meetings of community councils (section 48)
  - Duty on community councils to prepare a training plan (section 67)
  - Abolition of polls consequent on a community meeting (section 162)

#### Duty of standards committees to make an annual report

57. The first Commencement Order will commence section 63 of the Act, which inserts new section 56B into the Local Government Act 2000. This new section 56B requires a standards committee of a relevant authority to, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, make an annual report to the authority in respect of that year.
58. The requirement to make an annual report applies to the standards committees of National Park authorities, fire and rescue authorities and principal councils. In the case of a principal council, the requirement to report to “the authority” in this context includes any community councils in its area.
59. As the duty in respect of the annual report is drafted on the basis of a financial year, the first report will be due as soon as practicable after the end of the 2022-23 financial year and will relate to how the committee’s functions have been discharged during the 2022-23 financial year.

## Safety Inspections – Salem Chapel

Item 5.

### Inspection of Salem Chapel – March 2021

MAIN CHAPEL / WEEK	3rd	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	Report of any defects And action taken
Main Hall of Chapel	./	./	./	./	Dry rot detected on stage & part lifted. Further investigations undertaken 31/8/16. Pipe organ supports re-enforced Sept 2016.
Fire Alarm	./	./	./	./	Inspected 28/04/2020
Emergency Lighting	./	./	./	./	Inspected 28/04/2020 – repairs carried out
Stairways to Balcony	./	./	./	./	Stair lift not working
Balcony	./	./	./	./	
Toilets	./	./	./	./	Removed due to dry rot
High Street Entrance	./	./	./	./	Black mould showing through on walls and ceiling.
Office	./	./	./	./	
General Condition	./	./	./	./	Damp throughout
Fire Extinguishers	./	./	./	./	Inspected 02/12/2020
Observations/ Other Comments	./	./	./	./	Deterioration as expected with no heating.
<b>ANNEX BUILDING</b>					
Ground Floor	./	./	./	./	
Kitchen	./	./	./	./	Newly formed mould/rot on floor – R Dunham informed. Floor rotten through. Kitchen units coming away from wall due to severe damp in floor of kitchen. R Dunham inspected & to advise further.
First Aid Box	./	./	./	./	
Seating Area	./	./	./	./	Considerably amount of new damp on interior walls and ceiling to left side of premises.
Stairway to upper room	./	./	./	./	
Upper Room	./	./	./	./	
Rear Entrance	./	./	./	./	Paint flaking off walls
Side Door	./	./	./	./	
Observations/ Other Comments					Deterioration as expected with no heating.
<b>Statutory annual Inspections:</b>					Dragon Fire & Security Systems (fire extinguishers) 02/12/2020 Dragon Fire & Security Systems (Intruder & fire alarms) 28/04/2020

**Signed:** *T Hughes*

Town Clerk

**Date:** 13/04/21

Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee