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Bil Cyllid Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru)
Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill
Ymateb gan: Unigolion
Response from: Individual

I am very worried that the change in Clause 20 of The Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill will harm my local newspaper in Pembrokeshire, the Western Telegraph with the further consequence of alienating many vulnerable people in the community.

I submit this email to express my concern as a senior 63 yr old individual with many years of Enterprise risk management experience and not as a luddite.

I would prefer that my name is not published alongside any concern I express.

My concerns are for the loss of non-digital announcements through hard copy local papers, about matters like changes in council tax, amongst many other things, alienating those not able to or those who do not wish to access the internet. As you should be aware there are many such matters, as well as council tax changes, that are required to and should continue to be announced in such non-digital media. The internet is insecure and an inappropriate media for such announcements alone, take the Post office and its Horizon software debacle, as one of many reasons as an example, as well as the inaccessibility and undesirability of such media to many, many people. Local newspapers and more particularly, many people themselves are threatened by such poorly and inappropriately delivered announcements. Many people would be excluded from the communication and, not least with AI coming down the line, many do not trust such media. I write from many years experience, as a senior Enterprise wide (including IT) risk management professional, now retired. There is way too much reliance on IT, not least because a lack of distribution. It is far far too much a master and far too little a servant and such uses are increasingly made of IT on the unfounded grounds of convenience, cost and distribution with scant regard, or provision for the wider need and consequences.

Do not do this.