

LGF (S20) 20
Bil Cyllid Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru)
Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill
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Response from: Individual

Dear Sir/Madam

Re. Local Government Finance (Wales) Bill (LGFWB)

Clause 20

It has come to my attention in my local newspaper (*Monmouthshire Free Press*) report, that a potential unintended consequence of the pending LGFWB is the removal of the mandatory requirement of Councils to publish changes to council taxes in the local relevant newspaper press.

As indicated, this may well set a potential precedent to also remove other customary council notices in the future, with the resultant unintended and unwelcome consequence of depriving residents of a vital avenue of a wide range of necessary council and allied community information.

In addition, there is an associated risk of depriving the requisite necessary financial provision to ensure the effective function and indeed viability, of the local press media.

An energetic critical journalism corpus is vital to fully inform local democratic good governance and to protect citizen's interests.

These important and indeed aspects will I trust will be fully considered and appropriately acted upon prior to the implementation of the LGFWB.

Thank you.