

Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Democratic Services Committee – 11 March 2015

DEVOLUTION, DEMOCRACY AND DELIVERY WHITE PAPER - REFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: POWER TO LOCAL PEOPLE

Purpose:	To seek the Committee views on the Welsh Governments “Devolution, Democracy and Delivery white paper - Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People” consultation document.
Policy Framework:	None.
Reason for Decision:	For Information Only.
Consultation:	Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	For Information Only.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Welsh Government have published the “Devolution, Democracy and Delivery white paper - Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People” consultation document.
- 1.2 The white paper sets out proposals for reform in the following fields: local democracy, the roles and remuneration of elected members and senior officers, community governance and community councils, community rights, corporate improvement, service performance, scrutiny, audit, inspection and regulation, and local government finance.
- 1.3 The consultation period closes on 28 April 2015.
- 1.4 The white paper is attached as **Appendix 1** and the Consultation Survey as **Appendix 2**.

2. Responding to the Consultation

- 2.1 Any comments that the Committee wishes to make in relation to the consultation white paper must be ratified by Council prior to any formal response being made to the Welsh Government.
- 2.2 The Committees views are sought.

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening process took place prior to the consultation period. The outcome indicated that it was low priority and a full report was not required.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 None.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 None.

Background Papers:

None.

Appendices:

Appendix 1	Devolution, Democracy and Delivery white paper - Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People
Appendix 2	Consultation Survey