

Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at y Cyfarfod Llawn Information Further to Plenary

Cyhoeddir ymatebion yn yr iaith y'u darparwyd, gyda chyfieithiad Saesneg o ymatebion yn y Gymraeg.

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Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at y Ddawl ar Ddiwygio Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y Gweinidog Llwyodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth, ar 29 Mai 2013

Information further to the Debate on Public Service Reform issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, on 29 May 2013

At/To Aled Roberts:

During the debate on Public Service Reform on 7 May you tabled a motion, moved in your name by Peter Black AM, on effective public engagement being an essential part of our public service reform agenda.

I supported the amendment because I do agree public engagement is an integral element to delivering sustainable public service reform, but I do not take the view that additional formal standards are required to achieve this.

In March 2011 the Welsh Government endorsed The National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales; these were developed for us by Participation Cymru and have been formally adopted by more than 70 Public Sector organisations in Wales.

Participation Cymru is also providing accredited training throughout Wales on public engagement. To date more than 120 engagement practitioners have undertaken this training, which is underpinned by an evaluation toolkit designed to allow public sector organisations to evaluate the success of the engagement process and the outcomes it has achieved.

I also expect Local Authorities in Wales to consider and act on the recommendations the Wales Audit Office made in its report on public engagement, published in June last year.

The National Principles for Public Engagement provide a good framework for public sector bodies in Wales to follow to deliver effective engagement to involve service users in the design and delivery of the services they receive. In my view they would not be enhanced by changing their nomenclature to standards and thought of in a formal compliance sense; it is not about what they are called, but it is about how widely they are adopted and how well they are supported and applied.

I hope you find this additional information useful in helping outline the common ground that I think we share on the importance of public engagement.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at y Datganiad a Chyhoeddiad Busnes a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y Gweinidog Llwyodraeth Leol a Busnes y Llywodraeth, ar 26 Mehefin 2013

Information further to the Business Statement and Announcement issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, on 26 June 2013

At/To Suzy Davies:

During Business Questions on 7 May you asked when the First Minister would be in a position to provide an update on his plans for a Welsh honours system. I can confirm at this stage proposals are still being developed and the First Minister is hoping to be able to announce further details in September.