

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Roger Williams

Question

In the White Paper entitled “Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed” the Welsh Government writes in question 25:

“The Welsh Government intends to make a return to a form of the Committee system available to local authorities where best meets local circumstances.”

Does the Council have any information when that may become available?

Answer

The consultation on Welsh Government’s White Paper – “Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed” - ended on 11th April, 2017 and Welsh Government are considering the responses received. The First Minister Carwyn Jones on Tuesday 27th June set out the legislative programme for the year ahead. This includes legislation to reform local government.

It is currently anticipated that Welsh Government would bring forward draft legislation in the first half of 2018. It is unknown whether any proposals relating to the reintroduction of a committee system will be included in the draft legislation.