

MEETING:	LANGUAGE COMMITTEE
DATE:	25 January 2022
TITLE:	Welsh Government Consultation: Welsh Language Communities Housing Plan
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	To share the consultation documents and invite comments from the members on the contents of the consultation. The Language Unit will prepare a response to the consultation based on the comments received. Consultation documents can be seen by following this link: Cynllun Tai Cymunedau Cymraeg LLYW.CYMRU

1. Background

1.1 Welsh Government are consulting on a document that sets out their intentions for tackling the housing situation in the Welsh speaking heartlands.

1.2 It builds on the findings of the work done in Gwynedd and Anglesey and also on the findings of the reports written by Dr Simon Brooks and published in 2021 *Second Homes: Developing new policies in Wales*.

1.3 It is also a means to honour the commitments made in the cooperation agreement between the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru that was published at the end of last year and as part of the Welsh Government's Programme for Government <https://gov.wales/programme-government>

1.4 The Programme for Government commits to four key actions that relate to the affordability question:

- Build 20,000 new low-carbon social homes for rent.
- Create a Welsh Language Communities Housing Plan.
- Keep the 1% increase in Land Transaction Tax charged on second home purchases.
- Explore and develop effective tax, planning and housing measures – which could include local rates of Land Transaction Tax – to ensure the interests of local people are protected.

1.5 The consultation document notes several possible interventions, under the following topic headings:

- Community-led co-operative and social enterprises
- Social businesses: tourism sector
- Estate agents' steering group
- A 'fair chance' for local buyers and renters

- Cultural Ambassadors
- A commission on Welsh-speaking communities
- Areas of significant interest and sensitivity
- Housing, Work and Language
- Current Welsh Government Interventions
 - Arfor Programme
 - Economy and Welsh Language Roundtable
- Place names

2. The consultation questions

The consultation asks numerous questions under the above headings, and they can be seen on the forms on the Welsh Government website. [Welsh Language Communities Housing Plan | GOV.WALES](#)

3. What is asked of the committee?

The members are asked to read the documents and offer any comments or opinions that will help the Language Advisors to formulate a response to the consultation.