

Council Tax Premium on second homes and long-term empty homes in Gwynedd

The Local Government Finance Act 1992 defines a **second home** as a “*domestic property where there is no resident of the dwelling, and the dwelling is substantially furnished*”.

The Local Government Finance Act 1992 defines a **long-term empty home** as a “*domestic dwelling that has been unoccupied, and has been substantially unfurnished*”.

Council Tax Premium

1 Do you own a long-term empty or second home in Gwynedd (as defined in the consultation document)?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes – a long-term empty home
- Yes – a second home
- Yes – both a long term empty home and a second home
- No

2 What is your postcode?

Please write your answer here:

3 Do you see a reason why a premium should not be raised on the Council Tax of long-term empty or second homes in Gwynedd?

For information, a number of rural council's including Isle of Anglesey County Council, Conwy County Borough Council, Ceredigion County Council and Pembrokeshire County Council have already decided on introduce a premium.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- No reason not to raise a premium
- A premium should not be raised

4 Please not the reason / reasons why:

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

° Answer was 'A premium should not be raised' at question '3 [3]' (Do you see a reason why a premium should not be raised on the Council Tax of long-term empty or second homes in Gwynedd? Please write your answer here:

5 Please note at what level you think it would be most appropriate to set a Council Tax Premium for long-term empty or second homes in Gwynedd:

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- 25%
- 50%
- 75%
- 100%
- Other

6 Should the Council specify different percentages (up to a maximum of 100%) based on the length of time a long-term empty property has been empty?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

7 Authorities are encouraged to use any income generated to help meet local housing needs, in line with the policy intentions of the premiums, but there is no legal requirement to use the additional revenue to do this. In view of the fact that the Council is facing substantial financial cuts, in your opinion, how should the Council use the additional income, if a Premium were introduced?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- The extra revenue should be used to meet local housing needs
- The extra revenue should be spent on supporting local services at a time where the Council is facing cuts
- A combination of the above

8 In your opinion, if a premium were charged on the Council Tax on long-term empty or second homes, what would its effect be in Gwynedd on...

9 The Welsh Language?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Positive
- Neutral
- Negative

10 We would be grateful if you could please indicate a reason for your answer or provide any further comments:

Please write your answer here:

11 The local economy and tourism?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Positive
- Neutral
- Negative

12 We would be grateful if you could please indicate a reason for your answer or provide any further comments:

Please write your answer here:

13 The supply of private rented accommodation?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Overall increase
- No effect
- Overall reduction

14 We would be grateful if you could please indicate a reason for your answer or provide any further comments:

Please write your answer here:

15 House prices in Gwynedd?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Overall increase
- No effect
- Overall reduction

16 We would be grateful if you could please indicate a reason for your answer or provide any further comments:

Please write your answer here:

17 The supply of affordable housing in Gwynedd?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- An increase
- No change
- A decrease

18 We would be grateful if you could please indicate a reason for your answer or provide any further comments:

Please write your answer here:

19 We would welcome any further comments or suggestions you have regarding this consultation:

Please write your answer here:

20 Where did you hear about this consultation?

Please write your answer here:

Equality Monitoring

21We would appreciate if you could provide the following information. We are collecting this information for monitoring purposes only, and every response will be strictly confidential. You may choose not to answer any question or questions if you prefer not to.

22 What is your postcode?

Please write your answer here:

23 Are you...

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Male
- Female
- Think of yourself in a different way

24 What is your age group?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- 17 or younger
- 18- 29
- 30 - 39
- 40 - 49
- 50 - 59
- 60 - 69
- 70 or older

25 Do you consider yourself to have a disability which meets the definition in the 1995 Disability Discrimination Act? (please refer to the definition below)

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 describes a disabled person as anyone 'with a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect upon his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No