

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>11 July 2024</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>Consultation Process - Single Transferable Vote ("STV") for Gwynedd Council elections</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>Updating the Council on the Consultation after the General Election</b>
<b>CABINET MEMEBR</b>	<b>Cllr Menna Trenholme – Cabinet Member for Corporate Support and Legal</b>
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### 1. Recommendation for decision

**That the Council notes and supports the revised timetable for holding the consultation on the Single Transfers Vote regime for elections to Gwynedd Council from 2027.**

### 2. Background

2.1 At its meeting on the 7th of March the Council adopted a timetable for a statutory consultation process to allow a decision on the adoption of an alternative voting system for Gwynedd Council. However, and subsequently the UK general election was called. In consultation with the political group leaders, it was concluded for several reasons that it would not be appropriate or fair to hold such a consultation during a general election. Therefore, the process was postponed and an alternative timetable for conducting the process established.

2.2 This is the proposed timetable for the process with attention to electoral periods to ensure a decision before 15 November 2024, which is the last day on which a decision can be reached if the regime change is to take place before the 2027 election. Members have already been informed of the revised meeting date.

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	Consultation Start	15 July 2024
2.	Consultation Deadline	15 September 2024
3.	Calling a special meeting of the Full Council – 21 days prior to the date of the meeting	3 October 2024
4.	Full Council to determine voting system	24 October 2024
5.	Notify the Welsh Ministers and the Democracy and Local Boundaries Commission within 14 days of the decision if a decision to change is made	

## **STATUTORY OFFICERS**

### **Chief Finance Officer**

Implementing the resolution sought will not create an additional spending commitment.

### **Monitoring Officer**

Author of the report