

# DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

## WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT CHANGES TO ADOPTION ABSENCE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

### Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the consultation document on changes to adoption absence for Local Authority members and to comment if required.

### Reasons:

Welsh Government opened a consultation on the changes to adoption absence for Local Authority members on 3rd November 2020. The consultation period is for 8 weeks only, with responses to be made by 29th December, 2020.

Scrutiny committee consulted	Not Applicable
Exec Board Decision Required	NO
Council Decision Required	NO

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: N/A

Directorate		
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### CHANGES TO ADOPTION ABSENCE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

The Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013 govern adopter's absence (the form of leave taken by an individual adopting a child). The Welsh Government proposes amending the 2013 Regulations so as to extend the period of adopter's absence for members of councils from 2 weeks to 26 weeks and, as far as practicable, to align procedures relating to adopter's absence with those which currently govern maternity absence.

All Councillors have received a copy of the consultation via email in order to reply directly should they wish to do so.

The Democratic Services Committee is asked to consider any responses they wish to submit as a response to the consultation on changes to adoption absence for Local Authority councillors.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES – consultation document.**

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

<b>Signed:</b>	Linda Rees Jones	Head of Administration and Law
	Gaynor Morgan	Head of Democratic Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

The report is a Welsh Government Consultation document and there are no implications to the Authority at this stage.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

<b>Signed:</b>	Linda Rees Jones	Head of Administration and Law
	Gaynor Morgan	Head of Democratic Services

**1. Scrutiny Committee**

Not Applicable

**2. Local Member(s)**

Not Applicable

**3. Community / Town Council**

Not Applicable.

**4. Relevant Partners**

Not Applicable

**5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations**

Not Applicable

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**

**List of Background Papers used in of the preparation this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:-**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
WG Consultations website		<a href="https://gov.wales/adoption-absence-local-authority-councillors">https://gov.wales/adoption-absence-local-authority-councillors</a>