Appendix A

Clerk's note on correspondence received.

2025 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Annual Report 2025
Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: annual report 2025 to 2026 | GOV.WALES
Recommend councillors to read. Information only.

2. Letter from Cancer Charity

Dear Councilors

5th March 2025

We are a small charity based in Swansea, that helps children affected by cancer and their families all across the UK and have proudly been providing a full range of our services for families for 36 years this year. We are helping 10 families that has a child affected by cancer living in County Borough of Conwy by providing Respite Breaks and a full range of our services. We're hoping you might very kindly help us please, we'd be thrilled if you could.

Children and families who need our support are referred to us via hospital oncology departments, social services, schools and other charities from all over the UK, and our promise to our users is to give them complete confidentiality, as you would expect from any health authority. We help hundreds of children and their families all over the UK. Our services include: Play Therapy; Bereavement Counselling; Befriending; Support Groups; Compassionate Care Respite Breaks UK and Disneyland Paris Dream Experience & finally Disneyworld Florida Dream Experience.

The families are normally at rock bottom when they have a respite break, their world torn apart and turned inside out with a diagnosis of cancer in their child. The family will be split as one parent normally stay's with the child in hospital, while the other will need to return to work, and any siblings just don't understand what's going on, and why they are having to stay at grandmas, extended family, friends or even neighbours, and not forgetting the sick child will often endure months of painful treatments, but very likely years.

Our respite breaks are usually the first thing the families can look forward to in a long time, and the breaks are designed to give the families precious time together, to re-build their bonds, and just be a normal family again. we provide Respite Breaks in our four Luxury mobile homes, we have 2 in West Wales, & 2 in North Wales, plus a luxury Lodge in Burnham-On-Sea. plus we have the use of a luxury caravan in the New Forest. All are set in prime positions in Haven Parks, with onsite entertainment including a swimming pool indoor and outside, plus we source tickets to local attractions for the familie s. We also send families to Disneyland Paris for a 3 day stay all-inclusive in a Disney Hotel with three-day complimentary theme park passes for admission into Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Movie Studios with Additional Genie Lanyards allowing priority access to jump all the queues.

And finally a trip of a lifetime to Disneyworld Florida, where the families stay with our charity partners Give Kids The world, all-inclusive with tickets for All the parks and fast track Genie Lanyard to jump the queues, followed by a week relaxing in the charities very own luxury Villa, with it's own pool and BBQ area, situated in Kissimmee, 20 mins from the parks and close to all the restaurants and local attractions: Everglade air rides, Downtown Disney and only an hour from Kennedy Space Centre.

Due to feedback we gain from the families, these breaks are crucial to their wellbeing, as they help to re-build relationships, the sick child usually feels more confident and finds it easier to mix with other children, and more amenable to resuming treatments. These breaks cost \pounds 500 to send one family away to the UK, \pounds 750 to Disneyland Paris or \pounds 1,200. To go to Disneyworld Florida. any amount towards this would go such a long way, we'd be delighted if you could help please. Thank you for your very kind consideration

Rose

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Recommend: Polite letter explaining we have no budget.

3. Senedd Report Published 5 March 2025 on the Role, Governance and Accountability of Community and Town Council Sector

Inquiry into the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector

Recommend: Councillors to read. Information only but will assist discussions.

4. Consultation by Welsh Government on <u>draft guidance</u> to support registered political parties in Wales with Diversity and Inclusion

Summary of responses: Diversity and inclusion guidance for registered political parties | GOV.WALES.

Recommend: Not aware of any of the councillors being registered as a representative of any political party. Information and interest only.

5. One Voice Wales – Training Opportunities

Date	Day	Module	Time
07/04/2025	Monday	New Councillor Induction	6.30- 8.00pm
24/04/2025	Thursday	New Councillor Induction	6.30- 8.00pm
30/04/2025	Wednesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30- 8.00pm
06/05/2025	Tuesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30- 8.00pm
21/05/2025	Wednesday	New Councillor Induction	6.30- 8.00pm
12/06/2025	Thursday	New Councillor Induction	6.30- 8.00pm
23/06/2025	Monday	New Councillor Induction	6.30- 8.00pm

Session times are listed against the module date – Please note all training sessions are in English unless otherwise stated.

Recommend: Councillors agreed at the March meeting that all councillors should do this course. Could you please pick and book a convenient date by letting the clerk know which you are attending so we can ensure that we use the free places we have been offered and pay for the rest.

6. Senedd Review of Boundaries for Senedd Elections

The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru has published its Final Determinations for the 2026 Review of Senedd constituencies.

You can find the Final Determinations here.

The Commission has confirmed the 16 new Senedd constituencies which have been created by pairing the 32 UK parliamentary constituencies in Wales, ensuring that each constituency is contiguous.

These constituencies will take effect automatically at the 2026 Senedd election.

These determinations have been made following 4-week consultation periods on the Initial and Revised Proposals.

This review has been carried out on the basis of rules laid down by the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024 which requires the DBCC to submit a formal report of our Final Determinations before 1 April 2025.

Recommend: These are major changes to the way in which Senedd members are elected and remove the one constituency representative that has been in place since devolution. Councillors should read and have a full understanding of these changes which will not alter the Parliamentary boundaries which were used for the 2024 election.

7. Email from local resident regarding bus service

Recommend that we refer to Senedd member as transport is a devolved issue.