

Green Paper ‘Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People’

PURPOSE

1. To enable the Partnership Council to discuss the proposals set out in the Green Paper ‘Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People’.

BACKGROUND

2. On 20 March 2018 the Welsh Government published the Green Paper ‘Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People’. The Green Paper builds on previous consultations on the subject of local government reform and ongoing discussions about the way forward.
3. The Green Paper presents options which could lead to larger and more sustainable local authorities in Wales, which can deliver effective and sustainable public services. It includes proposals for:
 - a potential policy to create larger, stronger local authorities and options for implementation
 - how we could ensure elected members have the support and reward they need to undertake their roles effectively
 - considering the additional powers and flexibilities local government needs

DISCUSSION

4. A copy of the Green Paper can be found at <https://beta.gov.wales/strengthening-local-government-delivering-people> and is attached as an annex to this paper.

ACTION

5. The Partnership Council is invited to discuss the proposals in the Green Paper and any alternatives proposals which they might have to strengthen local government.

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