# PASC UK WALES NEWSLETTER
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## COMMENTARY

Our priority this week is very clear: **182** consultation responses.

The consultation closes on **23 October** and the message from our political conversations is equally clear. **Numbers matter.** We need responses going in now, from owners and from the wider rural and visitor economy that depends on our sector.

Next week we are on the road for our two in-person meetings at **Wolfscastle on 13 October** and **Plas Menai on 14 October** which will provide essential time to discuss your consultation responses.

Bookings are strong, but there is still time to join us. We will share what we are hearing on 182, help with consultation responses and cover the other changes heading our way.

**Statutory Registration is now open**, and the WRA will join us next week to demonstrate the process and answer questions.

Plaid Cymru Conference gave us valuable access to the new Government, Ministers and MSs, and opened some important new conversations. At the same time, PASC UK has completed a very busy Party Conference season across **Reform, Liberal Democrats, Labour, Plaid Cymru and**

**Conservatives**. Being active at both Welsh and UK level matters for us in Wales, because so many of the pressures on our businesses come from both Governments.

There is plenty of lobbying and follow-up ahead.

But right now, our biggest ask is simple: **please get your 182 response in.** If you want help, please ask us.
We will also share our PASC UK Cymru response shortly and a sample owner response.
We fought hard to get this consultation. Now we need to make it count.

While the 182 Consultation takes priority, the world doesn't stop… PASC UK Cymru are also finalising our response to the **Rural Proofing consultation** due next week. This is a very important policy which needs our attention. More details below.

Have a great week all.

Kind regards

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## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU THIS WEEK?

1. Register for the PASC UK Cymru **in-person meetings**
   13 October – Wolfscastle Country Hotel, Wolf's Castle, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 5LZ,: REGISTER HERE
   14 October – Plas Menai National Outdoor Centre, Caernarfon, LL55 1UE: REGISTER HERE
2. **GO GO GO** on submitting your responses to the **182 Day consultation** and encourage everyone related to do so – employees, trades, family members, local pubs, those who you buy your welcome pack items from… numbers matter!

## PLAID CYMRU CONFERENCE

The first Plaid Cymru Conference since entering Government gave PASC UK Cymru a crucial opportunity to get in front of decision makers.

We had a number of planned sit-down meetings, but just as importantly, dozens of conversations in corridors, between sessions and even walking along the prom!

We were able to have robust conversations with Elin Jones, Minister for Finance and gateholder for 182, and Adam Price, who holds the Tourism portfolio, as well as First Minister Rhun ap Iorwerth, all pictured below.

Elin Jones, Cabinet Minister for Finance.  Adam Price, Cabinet Minister with responsibility for Tourism, Rhun ap Iorwerth, First Minister

It was also an opportunity to meet Ministers we have had less contact with previously.
We spoke with **Heledd Fychan** about the opportunities around the Welsh language and diaspora, while the conversation with **Delyth Jewell** on the mental health impacts of current policies was 'night and day' compared with our five failed attempts to meet the previous Mental Health Minister!

Heledd Fychan, Cabinet Minister for Culture and Sport. Nerys Evans, Deputy Minister for Preventative Health, Delyth Jewell, Deputy Minister for Mental Health.

**Rural-proofing** was again a key theme, particularly during the farming fringe sessions.
Our message is that rural Wales does not operate in separate boxes. Self-catering, farming and the local community shop are part of the same rural ecosystem, supporting each other and sustaining local communities.  Government must consider the combined impact of its decisions across that whole ecosystem, rather than leaving one part out in the cold.
There is an open consultation on Rural-proofing. PASC UK Cymru is finalising its response, which will be available in the Consultation Responses section of the website in the next few days.

We mustn't forget our Welsh MPs and the important role they play in not only policies that impact their constituencies but their efforts for us in Westminster.

Llinos Medi, MP for Ynys Môn. Ben Lake, MP Ceredigion Preseli. Anne Davies, MP for Caerfyrddin

With so many new faces in the Senedd, we also met many of our newly elected MSs and continued building those important relationships and even turning around a few of the 182 policy supporters… when they started to understand the reality of its impacts!

We had some excellent meetings with Welsh Council Leaders too, with follow-up meetings already arranged.

We often focus on Ministers and officials at these events, but one of the most valuable aspects is spending time with our colleagues from the visitor economy, we were able to join each others meetings, introduce one another to MSs we knew and crucially to show our collective voice.

Those relationships are particularly important with the 182 consultation now live and we compared notes and shared information with colleagues in related industries, including the NFU and CLA, and partners in the wider visitor economy who are also now preparing their own consultation responses.

Last, but absolutely not least, we had some great engagement with PASC UK Members attending Conference. There was a brilliant tag-team approach during the fringe sessions, with Members raising some of the questions so we didn't have to and others taking over when those questions became a little predictable – but this resulted in a lot of exposure for 182 in the relevant session.

Our main ask throughout was consistent: 182 must be significantly reduced. A "modest" reduction won't cut it. We explained why our evidence points to 105 days, rather than another number plucked from the air.

We also explained why exemptions can only work alongside a significant reduction, not as an isolated solution, and why our Local Authorities need robust guidance on where and how discretion should be applied.

Above all, Conference gave us access. It gave us the opportunity to explain 182 to people who had not previously understood the detail, take the argument into new areas such as mental health and rural-proofing, and ask directly for support.

A very worthwhile couple of days.

**Now comes the extensive follow-up!**

## NEXT WEEK: WALES IN PERSON MEETINGS – 13 & 14

We are gearing up for our two **free PASC UK Cymru meetings next week**, and bookings are going well.

By the time we meet, there will be just over a week left to respond to the Welsh Government's **182-day consultation**.

We will be in **South Wales on 13 October** and **North Wales on 14 October** to help you shape your own consultation responses.

The WRA will join us to walk through a live demo of Statutory Registration and we will share local booking data to help you benchmark your own performance.

**Zeal Tax** will cover Capital Allowances, including the January 2027 deadline and why owners need to check whether there are allowances linked to their property that they have not yet claimed.

Most importantly, there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion with the PASC UK Team and other operators facing the same challenges.

13 October – South: REGISTER HERE Wolfscastle Country Hotel, Haverfordwest, SA62 5LZ,
14 October – North: REGISTER HERE Plas Menai National Outdoor Centre, Caernarfon LL55 1UE
Both events run from 09.30am to 12.30/1.00pm.

Both events are **completely FREE**, and Members and non-members are very welcome.

A huge thank you to **SuperControl and Zeal Tax** for supporting the meetings and enabling us to open them up free of charge to the wider Welsh self-catering sector.

Bookings are very strong, so please register as soon as possible if you are planning to join us.

**Next week is about getting informed, comparing notes and making sure our sector uses the 182 consultation opportunity we fought so hard to secure.**

**Members and non-members welcome.**

## 182 DAY CONSULTATION – GO GO GO ON SUMBITTING YOUR RESPONSES!

We are no longer saying hold back on responding… we are now saying "GO GO GO"

One key message from the Plaid Conference is that *NUMBERS MATTER* so you need to get your responses in… in droves.

**Anyone can respond:** owners, their family members, neighbours, friends, trades that help you run your business smoothly, local pubs, cafes, restaurants, farm shops, deli's etc that you recommend to your guests – the most important thing is that we respond, and that we respond in great numbers [last weeks news on the North Wales Visitor Levy should galvanise that!]

**Our guidance notes:** are there to help with the ambiguous nature of some of the questions – they are a guide – PLEASE include information and experiences from your own perspective in the free text boxes – your personal experiences are what is most helpful.

You can respond online HERE

**The 182-day page** on the PASC UK Website is where you will find all the most up to date documents. Here is the link HERE

There are 3 guidance documents:

- For Owners / operators
- For employees, trades and related businesses
- For stakeholders organisations / agencies.

As well as:

- "The Case for 105", setting out why we believe 105 days is the right threshold.

As always, if you have any questions, can't find what you're looking for, or need help or advice on responding, please email support@pascuk.co.uk

The deadline in 23rd October 2026 – please don't miss out on your chance to have your say on 182 in Wales – we need the outcome to be a policy that works for ALL of the sector, for ALL of Wales.

COUNTDOWN ON THE 182 CONSULTATION: CLOSES 23 OCTOBER

015 Day(s) : 14 Hour(s) : 17 Minute(s) : 30 Second(s)

**The deadline** for responding to the 182 Consultation in Wales is the 23rd October, and we are running a countdown timer on the 182 page on the PASC UK website. https://www.pascuk.co.uk/182-2/

**Our big ask:** is that you don't just assume you may benefit from the exemptions, that would make the threshold irrelevant, and to argue for a significant, not modest, reduction in the threshold, across the whole sector and the whole of Wales. Unless the threshold comes down significantly, the pressure on pricing for the whole sector will remain artificially high due to so many operators having to discount to hit the threshold. This pricing pressure will still apply to those who may become exempted. Let's work together on this.

You can access the Guidance notes here: https://www.pascuk.co.uk/182-2/

We are also hosting **two in person meetings in Wales**, these are free to attend for all – both Members and Non Members are welcome, and this has been made possible by the generous support from SuperControl and Zeal Tax. Our thanks to them.

Tuesday 13th October – 0930-1230 – Wolfcastle Hotel, SA62 5LZ. Book your FREE ticket HERE.
Wednesday 14th October – 0930-1230 – Plas Menai, LL55 1EU. Book your FREE ticket HERE.

## RURAL PROOFING CONSULTATION

There is a Rural Proofing Consultation due next week (14 October). PASC UK Cymru are finalising our response. Priority has to be 182 consultation but if you have an interest and the headspace we would encourage responses.

Our response will be uploaded on to the Consultation responses page of the website.

PASC UK Cymru's key message is that effective 'rural proofing' must recognise how rural Wales actually works. One family might be farming, run a self-catering cottage, employ a local housekeeper and tradespeople, and send their guests to the village pub and shop, often the family also work in the local pub or need the bus to be running to get to school or work.

These are not separate businesses operating in neat policy boxes. They are connected, and one intervention can ripple through the whole rural economy.

Government cannot claim to support farming or rural communities while introducing policies elsewhere that undermine the self-catering and visitor businesses helping those same families and communities survive.

That is why every policy needs to be rural-proofed as a whole, not considered in isolation.

The deadline is next week – 14 October. Please send me any comments you have for inclusion (nicky@pascuk.co.uk).
More detail is provided here: https://www.gov.wales/rural-proofing-and-environmental-sustainability-white-paper

## PASC UK ACROSS ALL THE PARTY CONFERENCES

As PASC UK Cymru were attending the Plaid Cymru Conference, the team were also at the Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham.

Last week was the Labour Party conference and the week before was Liberal Democrats. You will remember we were also present at the Reform Conference, covered in detail in this Wales newsletter.

This is essential to ensure professional self-catering has a voice across the political spectrum.

This matters in Wales - decisions made at Westminster on tax, business rates, VAT, National Insurance… sit alongside the very Welsh challenges of 182, Visitor Levy and rural-proofing.

Conference season has allowed us to broaden understanding of our sector, build new relationships and take our evidence directly to MPs, MSs and those shaping policy.
It is an expensive undertaking for an Association of our size, so we work hard to squeeze every ounce of value from it.
You can read more detail on the UK Conferences in the General Newsletters. In the meantime here are some familiar Welsh faces from the Conservative conference this week. Former MSs but they were all - and still are - actively flying the flag for our sector… Passionate advocates for Wales I am sure we will see them back one day.

Alistair Handyside, Gareth Davies, Tom Giffard and Sam Kurtz.

The conferences may be over, but the meetings, follow-ups and lobbying they generate are only just beginning.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 13th October – 0930-1230 – Wolfcastle Hotel, SA62 5LZ. Book your FREE ticket HERE.
Wednesday 14th October – 0930-1230 – Plas Menai, LL55 1EU. Book your FREE ticket HERE.

- 8 October – South West Regional Forum Meeting

- 13 October – Wolfscastle Country Hotel - IN-PERSON MEETING
- 14 October – Plas Menai National Outdoor Education Centre - IN-PERSON MEETING
- 14 October. Consultation Deadline for Rural Proofing.
- 14 October – Mid Wales Regional Forum Meeting
- 15 October North Wales Regional Forum Meeting
- 23 October – 182 day Consultation Closes
- 24 October. Scale, Barcelona
- 29 October – Visit Pembrokeshire Awards
- 19 November – GoNorthWales Award Ceremony, Llandudno

**Tourism AI workshops**

- 19 October – Rhayader
- 3 November – Fishguard
- 4 November – Swansea
- 10 November – Machynlleth
- 18 November – Cardiff
- 23 November – Criccieth
- 24 November – Llangollen

**Book your place now: https://industry.visitwales.com/.../ai-made-practical...**

**RECORDING OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Available here: https://www.pascuk.co.uk/webinars/

- 182-day consultation Update Webinar PASC UK Cymru

## IN THE MEDIA

**Daily Post:** Covers the Plaid Conference including a mention from PASC UK Cymru on the 182 policy: https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/politics/buoyant-mood-among-plaid-cymru-34711823

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There is a huge amount of work and lobbying to do to help support you all in the self-catering sector. We don't ask very often, however, if we are to fight on so many fronts, we simply need more funds. There are thousands of you that have had the benefit of this newsletter and the lobbying done on behalf of the sector.

We are now asking that as many of you as possible join PASC UK. The fight is on so many fronts, and we get much better results when we engage proper legal advice and proper PR firms to assist with

campaigns. Memberships to other organisations that provide common lobbying, information feeds and support also cost many thousands of pounds a year.

Membership fees are as follows:

- Single cottage £90 plus VAT
- 2 – 4 Units £150 plus VAT
- 5 – 10 Units £235 plus VAT
- 11 + Units £335 plus VAT

Members get telephone support and priority email support.

You can join here, simple form, takes 2 mins, and you'll get an invoice, payable by BACS or Credit Card. Just click on this link to go to the joining page: https://www.pascuk.co.uk/join-pasc-uk/

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