PASC UK WALES NEWSLETTER
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COMMENTARY

The 182-day consultation closes TOMORROW, Friday 23 October.

We need one final push.

We received information this week from the Welsh Government that they had received over a thousand responses. **This really is not enough**, and we would urge all that are affected by 182 to please respond to the Consultation.

This is singularly the most important consultation we have had in Wales with a very real chance of improving this cruel policy. There are 20,000 of us. So all those 18,000+ who are leaving it to others … please, please, please take the time to respond. We've done the hard work for you all details below.

For those that have yet to take part everything you need can be found here:
https://www.pascuk.co.uk/182-2/

Thank you to those of you who have been SO active in not only completing your own response but also in rallying others around you. It's a policy that has caused so much damage, we have all worked so hard for this consultation and finally have our opportunity to provide the personal stories that are so hard to ignore.

Please don't miss that opportunity. Please don't leave it to others to speak up on your behalf … this is our chance … and numbers matter!

Respond online HERE
PASC UK Guidance is HERE
PASC UK's own response is HERE

Feeling daunted? Need some help? A couple of options…

On Tuesday, we held an open meeting. We walked through the consultation questions and had some excellent conversations about what to include. It was recorded so you can listen back here: : HERE.

We have also helped many people individually – the effort and the commitment to this has been incredible with many overcoming their technical limitations as they realise the importance of this opportunity.

We are on hand to help you over the next 2 days. Please contact nicky@pascuk.co.uk or Livvy on support@pascuk.co.uk or just call me directly.

Then, on **Tuesday 27th October, at 1830**, after the Consultation deadline, we'll be holding a virtual "drinks" on Zoom for operators in Wales – More detail below and register here: HERE.

Elsewhere this week, we have been out at a Tourism Summit in Denbighshire, it was an excellent positive event.

Gwynedd Council is surveying local businesses about the challenges they face, including rising costs, seasonality, regulatory pressures and future business prospects. It looks fairly straightforward, although we could probably do without another survey right now!
We will look at it more closely and provide guidance if needed, but there are opportunities to highlight the impact of the 182-day threshold, council tax premiums and potential visitor levy on our sector. https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en-gb/have-your-say/consultations-and-surveys-2026/2026-business-survey

National Registration has now passed 1,000, with the first Registration across the line from an owner in Benllech, Anglesey. Initial feedback is that the process is simpler than many had expected. Owners are encouraged to register now while the system is still in 'test mode' but there will be a significant push early next year.

Otherwise in the Senedd, Jane Dodds MS has announced she is stepping down as leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats but will continue representing Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd in the Senedd. David Chadwick MP is currently the only eligible candidate to replace her and needs the backing of 50 party members to secure the leadership unopposed. If he fails to secure that support, or decides not to stand, the contest will open up to all members on the party's approved parliamentary candidates list.

While on the road this last few weeks we have heard the benefits to being able to offer EV charging. This is a differentiator and with more searching directly through AI if you don't have an EV charger you are not as visible as those who have. We have therefore launched our member paper on EV Charging.

But first, please get your 182-day response in!

Kind regards

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WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU THIS WEEK?

1. Submit 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! We have guidance written for both operators, and for the wider supply chain to make this as easy as possible for everyone!
   THE DEADLINE IS TOMORROW – PLEASE GIVE THIS A FINAL PUSH

182 DAY CONSULTATION – EVERYTHING IN ONE PLACE:

One key message from the Welsh Government 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 is TOMORROW – 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.

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/

182 CONSULTATION – PASC UK CYMRU DRAFT RESPONSE FOR REVIEW

This is the most important Consultation Response that we have produced for our Members and the wider sector in Wales. Getting the 182 Threshold down has been at the top of our list since it was announced. We have spent the time since the consultation was announced checking with our Members having zoom meetings and this week two huge in person meetings in SW and NW Wales. This is the summary position of our stance that the threshold needs to work for 'all of Wales, all of the sector'.

We now collectively have a real chance to bring down that awful threshold. We have finalised our PASC UK response. **You can find it here:**
Members: https://www.pascuk.co.uk/your-membership-account/account/member-reports/
Non Members https://www.pascuk.co.uk/182-2/

A Virtual Drink to say 'Thank You'

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You can register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/dM47Nxj5Tay5mZYwffE-Wg

DENBIGHSHIRE TOURISM FORUM

We attended the Denbighshire Tourism Forum this week.

Hosted by Denbighshire County Council, there was strong representation with six councillors attending, alongside representatives from Visit Wales and attendees from across the visitor economy.

Helen White, Chief Executive of Denbighshire County Council, hosted a question-and-answer session where residents and business owners were able to ask her questions directly.

The strength of feeling about the 182-day threshold quickly became apparent and the message was loud and clear. This policy is damaging not only tourism businesses, but also residents, communities and the wider local economy. Self-catering is embedded in communities and plays a vital role in supporting local economies ensuring those businesses are there when we all want to use them.

Denbighshire County Council has an important role to play. The Local authority was urged to respond to the 182 consultation, which must reflect the concerns raised, particularly given the Council's own decisions on council tax premiums.

The impact goes far beyond individual holiday let owners, and both Welsh Government and local authorities need to recognise this when making decisions that affect our sector.

We were able to share our insights into the importance of the sector in Denbighshire and to share our guidance on responding to the 182 consultation.

CONSULTATION LAUNCHED INTO HOW COUNCILS CHASE ARREARS

The UK Government has announced a Consultation in to how Council Tax arrears are collected. This is very welcome as it has been a scandal.

Members and readers who have missed the letting thresholds required to maintain Business Rates status often receive a back-dated bill payable in seven days, and a rapid escalation to Bailiff collection. This really is a truly awful system. Anyone falling short of the letting threshold in England and Wales can end up with punitive Council Tax Bills that include vast Council Tax Premiums. Bills of £10000 + are common in and are some are just eye-watering, and business ending.

We welcome this Consultation and will be providing Guidance on how to respond.

Please, if you have been affected by this, please send a short case study to support@pascuk.co.uk and put with **CT Arrears** in the subject line.

Here is a short summary from the Gov website, plus the link.

Consultation description:

This consultation seeks views on amending regulations to introduce steps that councils will be required to take before moving to formal enforcement.

It outlines the steps that councils should follow ahead of seeking a liability order for unpaid council tax and proceeding to formal enforcement action.

This consultation covers the:

- statutory steps which councils must follow ahead of this process
- guidance and best practice for councils to consider in recovering council tax debt
- practical barriers to these potential steps and how these may be addressed

Link to Consultation: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-enforcement-of-council-tax?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=e13328b7-be5b-43ac-9776-43135aa59c49&utm_content=daily

VAT ON ELECTRICITY – DON'T FORGET TO DOUBLE CHECK YOUR BILLS!

For bills from 1 October 2026 to 31st March 2027, the zero rating of VAT on qualifying domestic electricity does apply to self-catering holiday accommodation.

So, please double check your electricity bills when they come in! And make sure your supplier has applied the new VAT treatment correctly!

The legislation spells it out:

Under the section "Other supplies that are for domestic use", electricity is treated as being for domestic use where it is supplied for use in:
"(c) self-catering holiday accommodation"

There are also rules covering mixed qualifying and non-qualifying use, including the 60% test, so businesses with more complicated supply arrangements should check how those rules apply to them.

Please share this with other self-catering owners. There will inevitably be suppliers and billing systems that need reminding!

Full legislation can be found here: **https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/987/made/data.htm**

NEW MEMBERS PAPERS PASC UK EV GUIDANCE UPDATED, GRANTS AVAIBALE TO MARCH 2027

The EV charging Grant that are available until the end of March 2027 represent the final opportunity to get some support with the installation from the Government. They have stated that they will NOT extend these Grants again. The current Grant level is £500 per charger. PASC UK Members get £50 off a voltshare charger.

We have produced two papers for our Members to help guide them through the process of adding EV charging or upgrading EV charging at their Business so that they make a profit on the electricity and recoup cots of installation.

There is a popular misconception that you cannot charge more than you pay for electricity. You can, this was changed in 2014 to aid the roll out of charging points. Al the roadside charging facilities are financed this way. You can check the Ofgem website here

There are two versions, a short paper to cover Manu points and get you started, and a much more comprehensive one that covers all angels, what to check, what to remember when adding EV charging to your business.

The deadline on the grants is looming, it's a good time to start now if you haven't already.

You can find the Members papers here: https://www.pascuk.co.uk/your-membership-account/account/member-reports/

TRADEPOINT/B&Q OFFERS FOR MEMBERS THROUGH THE PASC UK BUYING CLUB

A quick reminder for Members reading this that you have access to the PASC UK Buying Club for free, through your Membership! This gives you access to discounts all year round at suppliers like B&Q/Tradepoint, Screwfix, Viking and Currys and many many more!

If you are a Member and aren't already registered with the Buying Club and would like to be, please email support@pascuk.co.uk with the subject line: Buying Club.

If you're looking at doing any maintenance or refurbishment as the seasons change, they currently have 3for2 on interior paint, and 4 for 3 on laminate and luxury vinyl click flooring. These offers are live until 2nd November – more offers will be going live for 'Black Friday' and we'll share details of these in the newsletter when they're available ☺

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- 23 October – 182 day Consultation Closes
- 24 October - Scale, Barcelona
- 29 October - Visit Pembrokeshire Awards - If you are going please get in touch. See you there!
- 19 November - GoNorthWales Award Ceremony, Llandudno

Tourism AI workshops

- 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
- PASC UK x Bookster - What is Property Management System and how can it help me?

IN THE MEDIA

Business News Wales: https://businessnewswales.com/welsh-self-catering-businesses-urged-to-respond-to-tax-consultation/

BBC: Jane Dodds steps down as leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c98rzv177l75o

Host Planet Podcast on the 182 Consultation: Listen now:

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- **Spotify**
- **Apple Podcasts**
- **YouTube**

SUPPORT LOBBYING BY JOINING PASC UK

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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Any suggestions that we make are merely that you should carefully consider your own business policies, and if necessary, consult with your Professional Advisors. PASC is your lobbying Association, not a legal service. Information is provided on a 'to the best of our knowledge basis'.

In addition, please be very wary of some of the advice given on internet communities, blogs and social media. There appear to be many of experts out there where our understanding is that there are very few. To that end, any information you get from any source should be double checked. We will always try and put the actual link to the information in the newsletters so that you can read and assess yourselves.