

Independent Review Panel - Financial Support for Members

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Response from Nefyn Town Council

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Dear Sir,

Call for evidence.

Thank you for your letter regarding the above.

Following a discussion during a Council meeting last night, the Council did not come to any unanimous decision. Some Councillors see the Assembly as an unnecessary layer of local government and a complete waste of time. There is no need for this huge monster in Cardiff Bay. It is not seen as much use to north Wales anyway.

The other side of the argument is that the Assembly is a very important institution for Wales but that it is of no value whatsoever without many more powers. Again, members here feel that the Assembly costs too much to run.

The question raised was... Why has the call for evidence arisen in the first place? Do Members feel guilty about the costs and 'value for money'?

The Council feels that something needs to be done to change the present situation, and to show that the Assembly is working and ensuring that European money is spent to raise the standard of living on the Llŷn peninsula.

All the best,

John Griffiths
Clerk & Financial Officer