

P-05-730 Local Government Finance and Funding.

This petition was submitted by UNISON Wales, which collected 2,192 signatures.

Text of the Petition

We call on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to:

- a. To increase aggregate external financing (revenue) to local authorities to at least the levels that applied in 2013/14 in real terms
- b. Introduce legislation that provides a 'power of general competence' for local authorities in Wales
- c. Encourage local authorities to use their existing powers to provide goods and services to other parts of the public sector in Wales, and to explore and to trade by developing the range of goods and services that can be supplied to members of the public in general and to the private sector more generally
- d. Work with local authorities in Wales to release existing revenue streams through, for example refinancing or replacing PFI schemes on more favourable terms utilising the opportunities afforded by historically low interest rates
- e. Undertake, to support the work of the Independent Commission on Local Government Finance Wales.

We the undersigned value the services provided by local councils in Wales and believe that by implementing these measures the Welsh Government will help to prevent further damage to local public service provision; whilst recognising that these measures are only part of the solution and an end to the Westminster Government austerity programme will be necessary to ensure that public services could be sustainably and adequately funded into the future.

Additional information

UNISON Wales is the largest public sector trade union organising around 100,000 public sector workers in Wales.

UNISON Wales, in addition to campaigning for an end to austerity and for Fair Funding for Wales from the Westminster Government, is also campaigning for the Wales Government to protect Local Government spending and take the necessary

measures to ensure that our council services, which ensure healthy and educated communities, are protected.

Assembly constituency and Region

- Cardiff Central
- South Wales Central