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Welsh Revenue Authority Implementation Programme

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The Welsh Revenue Authority



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The Welsh Revenue Authority (WRA)
is a new public body responsible for collecting
devolved Welsh taxes from 2018.



In 2018 the WRA will collect
£288m* of taxes in Wales



* Office of Budgetary Responsibility forecast (March 2017) for Landfill Disposals Tax and Land Transaction Tax to be collected April 2018-March 2019

Top Facts

- First tax institution to be established **for Wales**
- The Board has been appointed, including the Chair Designate Kathryn Bishop
- The WRA headquarters will be based in Treforest. It will have a presence in mid and north Wales
- WG will announce rates and bands in October 2017
- Registration will be open in early 2017, collecting taxes from 2018.

Bigger Picture

- New welsh fiscal powers mean Welsh Ministers will be responsible for c25-30% of Welsh Government budget
- WRA created specifically to support Welsh Government in the delivery of Welsh taxes:
 - landfill disposals tax
 - land transaction tax
- New institution will develop expertise in Welsh taxes and work alongside other tax institutions (local authorities and HMRC to support Welsh Government's tax agenda)
- WRA will be a 'digital native' organisation

What will the WRA do?

The WRA will:

- Provide information, advice and assistance about the taxes to taxpayers
- Support taxpayers in complying with their duties
- Use data to assess risk and check the right amount of tax is paid
- Tackle tax avoidance and evasion
- Resolve complaints and disputes
- Support the development of Welsh Government tax policy

Key challenges

- First time it has been done
- Recruitment / Resources
- Capability / Skills
- Cost / Budget
- Technology
- Dependencies
- Stakeholders
- Ambition

WRA Compliance Strategy

- Compliance is about everything WRA will do
- Enabling customers to get it right first time
- Core principles – the three ‘Cs’
 - **Cooperate** - Maximising voluntary compliance
 - **Check** - Detecting non-compliance early
 - **Challenge** - Pursue non-compliance and enforce the devolved taxes
- Emphasis on understanding and supporting our customers
- Partnership working is key

What next?

- Recruitment!
- User testing
- Ongoing collaboration with HMRC to transition between the taxes
- Staff move to WRA Headquarters in autumn 2017
- WRA established in October 2017, open for registration in early 2017, and collecting taxes in April 2018

Want to know more?

Watch this space....

- Further recruitment between now and 2018
- more to come from Welsh Treasury on tax....
- 'All eyes' on WRA delivery from April 2018

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