

*Cyngor Tref  
Castell-nedd*



*Neath  
Town Council*

## **GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 makes provision for eligible community and town councils to exercise a general power of competence, with the aim of bringing about more effective, capable and innovative local government.

The general power will allow eligible councils to act in their communities' best interests, generate efficiencies and secure value for money outcomes.

They will also be able to raise money by charging for discretionary services and to trade.

The conditions which community councils must meet in order to be able to resolve themselves an 'eligible community council' are:

- ✓ at least two-thirds of the total number of members of the council have been declared to be elected whether at an ordinary election or at a by-election;
- ✓ the clerk to the council holds such qualification or description of qualification as may be specified by the Welsh Ministers by regulations; and
- ✓ the council satisfies the audit condition.

**At a meeting of the Full Council on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Members agreed to pass a resolution that Neath Town Council are eligible to use the General Power of Competence (GPoC).**

To be reviewed annually.