

**Meeting note: YesCymru meeting with the Cabinet Minister for Government
Effectiveness and Constitution
30.07.26**

Attendees: [REDACTED] Director of YesCymru; [REDACTED], YesCymru
Communications Officer

Official supporting the Minister: [REDACTED], Deputy Director, Constitutional
Policy and Reform

Issues discussed

- Wales' constitutional journey
The Minister set out the Welsh Government's constitutional and devolution agenda, noting that further devolution of key functions would provide the WG with enhanced tools to improve the lives of people in Wales.
- Priority areas for devolution
The Minister highlighted priority areas for devolution, in particular policing & justice, rail infrastructure and the Crown Estate.

He noted that some policy areas were more complicated than others to devolve in isolation. For example, welfare devolution would need to address the interaction of devolved powers with the UK benefits system and the need for greater budgetary and fiscal flexibilities.

- Timescale and potential routes to independence
The Minister noted that the Welsh Government has not set out a timetable for any referendum on Wales' constitutional future. YesCymru stated their intention to set a target date of 2032 for an independence referendum.

The Minister stated that any lasting constitutional settlement would need to command clear democratic support.

- EU membership and alignment
The Minister set out the Welsh Government's position, which is to seek the closest possible alignment with EU regulations, norms and standards wherever possible.