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Dear Rhys,

I am writing in response to the Written Question you tabled on 19 September 2024:

When does the Welsh Revenue Authority intend to provide a digital service that all local authorities in Wales will be able to opt into, following the written statement on 19 September 2024? (WQ94063 (w))

As part of the Programme for Government commitment to introduce legislation to permit local authorities to raise a visitor levy, the Welsh Revenue Authority (WRA) is working towards being able to provide a digital service and to be able to collect revenues in those local authority areas which decide to opt in.

The WRA has already started work on the design of the service. They will continue the discovery activity, further develop the service design and continue the user research.

The WRA will develop this service iteratively with users and in line with the anticipated delivery timescales. Once it's known which local authorities are opting in to visitor levy, WRA will develop an implementation plan to onboard accommodation providers.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The date the levy will come into force in local authority areas depends both on the passage of the Visitor Levy Bill through the Senedd, and on ensuing local democratic processes.

Details on the indicative timeline along with other information on the plans for the Visitor Levy are set out on the Welsh Government's internet [A visitor levy for Wales | GOV.WALES](#).

Taking this into account, the earliest date collection of the visitor levy is expected to commence is from April 2027. The WRA is working to ensure that its new levy service is ready to go live from that date.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a white rectangular box.

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