Tax message for Welsh government

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CIOT wrote to the main political parties in Wales ahead of May's Senedd election, highlighting issues related to accountability and good governance in tax policymaking that it believes should be a priority for the new Welsh government over the coming term.

The letter, sent by Ellen Milner, CIOT's Director of Public Policy, set out four key areas for action:

1. Adopt a structured approach towards changing primary tax legislation
2. Improve taxpayer awareness of the devolution of Welsh rates of income tax
3. Strengthen and clarify processes for agreeing new devolved taxes
4. Adhere to robust consultation and evaluation practices

'Tax policy will play a pivotal role in determining Wales' economic future,' said Ellen. 'By focusing on accountability and good governance, the next Welsh government can help create a tax system that is effective, fair and aligned with the long-term needs of Wales.'