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Introduction

1. The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) represents the 22 local authorities in Wales, and the three national park authorities, the three fire and rescue authorities, and four police authorities are associate members.

2. It seeks to provide representation to local authorities within an emerging policy framework that satisfies the key priorities of our members and delivers a broad range of services that add value to Welsh Local Government and the communities they serve.

3. The WLGA welcomes the opportunity to provide evidence to the Legislation Committee regarding the conferring of powers to the National Assembly of Wales on role of governors. This evidence has been prepared in partnership with the Association of the Directors of Education in Wales (ADEW) and their sub group of governor support officers.

4. There is broad support for the principle of additional powers for the National Assembly for Wales with regarding to the functions of governors of schools in Wales. The role of governors in schools in Wales is crucial to the continued improvement of teaching, learning and the school environment and it is essential that this role takes into account the changing education and lifelong learning policy agenda in Wales.

5. Attached at Annex A is evidence that was prepared by the WLGA for the Enterprise and Learning Committee in June 2009 as part of their inquiry into the role of governors in Wales. The Annex provides some context for questions regarding the legislative competency order, it does however, focus on the role of governors with specific reference to the implementation of the teacher workload agreement.

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