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Dear Chair

I am pleased to inform you that a consultation document seeking views on the Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2020 has been published on the Welsh Government website today.

Ahead of each Senedd election the National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007, which sets out the manner in which the election and election campaign is conducted and includes provision for legal challenge, is reviewed and amended to take account of any policy or legislative changes since the last election.

The consultation seeks views on the proposed amendments to the National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007 which largely arise as a result of changes to the franchise and disqualification arrangements made by the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 as well as some consequential amendments arising from the naming provisions.

The draft Order also contains more significant amendments which reflect changes made elsewhere in the United Kingdom to allow candidates the option of not publishing their home address at an election, along with the issue of payment to returning officers fees for services rendered, as well as other general updates reflecting changes since the last amending Order was made.

The main purpose of this consultation is to ensure we have identified the relevant issues and the resulting amendments are clear and workable. We are not consulting on the merits of policies which have already been subject to consultation and debate.

The consultation on these proposals will run until 8 September 2020. Details of how to respond are set out in the consultation document.

Best wishes

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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.