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Annexe 1

Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill

Consultation Response Form



As part of its Stage 1 consideration, the National Assembly for Wales' **Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee** is calling for evidence on the general principles of the **Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill**.

Please return this form to the National Assembly for Wales, by 31 January 2013. Should you have any queries please contact Bethan Davies, Clerk 02920 89 8120 or Leanne Hatcher, Deputy Clerk 029 2089 8147.

Responses should be sent to:

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The Local Government Boundary Commission

Question 1: Is there a need for a Bill to make changes to the constitution and functions of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales ("the Commission") and to make various provisions relating to local government?

Yes

No



Please expand on your answer

Question 2: Do you think the Bill will improve the delivery of the statutory roles and functions of the Commission? (paragraph 3.1 of the explanatory memorandum)

Yes

No

Please expand on your answer

Question 3: Do you think the changes being made to the Commission are appropriate? (Part 2 of the Bill)

Yes

No

Local Government arrangements

Question 4: Do you think the provisions relating to procedures for local government reviews are appropriate? (Chapter 4 and 5)

Yes

No

Please expand on your answer

Question 5: Do you think the arrangements for local government in relation to:

- Duties of the Commission
- Duties of a principal council

are appropriate? (Chapter 1)

Yes

No

Please expand on your answer

Question 6: Do you think the arrangements for local government in relation to:

- Democratic Services Committees (Section 56)
- Audit Committees (Section 57)
- Standards Committees (Section 63)

are appropriate?

Yes

No

Please expand on your answer

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Question 7: Do you think the provisions relating to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales are appropriate? (Chapter 5, Sections 58-62)

Yes No

Please expand on your answer

Access to information (Town and Community Councils)

Question 8: Do you think the provisions relating to improving access to information (Town and Community Councils) are appropriate?

Yes No

Please expand on your answer

Correspondence between Principal Authority & Community Councils. Checking is inadequate by District Audit. Have they ever checked with a Community Council?

Chairing of Principal Councils (Chairs and Mayors of Principal Councils)

Question 9: Do you think the provisions relating to the Chairing of Principal Councils (Chairs and Mayors of Principal Councils) are appropriate?

Yes No

Please expand on your answer

General Provisions of the Bill

Question 10: What are the potential barriers to implementing the provisions of the Bill (if any) and does the Bill take account of them?

Please expand on your answer

Question 11: What are the financial implications of the Bill, if any? In answering this question you may wish to consider Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum (the Impact Assessment), which estimates the costs and benefits of implementation of the Bill.

Please expand on your answer

Question 12: What are your views on powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (i.e statutory instruments including regulations and orders) (section 5 of the Explanatory Memorandum)?

Please expand on your answer

No subordinate legislation, please.
When will it all end !!

Question 13: Are there any other comments you wish to make about specific sections of the Bill?

No

CONSULTATION WITH OUR ELECTORATE

We are not on-line.

We consist of 6 villages/hamlets with fewer than 400 residences covering an area of about 15 square kilometres. We are the 2nd most geographically deprived in Wales for services and facilities. Not a single shop; many residents have a return journey of 18 miles even for a loaf of bread!

A Monthly Meeting is held at alternating locations. The minutes are distributed to Councillors and placed on the six notice-boards the next day following the Meeting. A copy is provided to the Editor of the community magazine which has a 300-copy print to enable him to select matters of interest.

Our Community Councillors know their neighbours well and get involved with local activities in this agricultural community.

COPY AGM

“ M1 Introductions

All present introduced themselves. The Clerk explained that he was also the Proper Officer of the Council. As such, he was responsible for ensuring that it adhered to established good business practice and did not stray from the roles permitted for Community Councils.

His production of Minutes were designed to be citizen-friendly in 12-point print with ample spacing. Each *Item* was separately highlighted and in the same sequence month by month to allow anyone looking at the notice-boards to find their chosen subject easily. They were posted promptly following Meetings and displayed on the notice-boards. This obviated the need for Members to make notes at the meetings. ”