

Annexe 1

Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill

Consultation Response Form

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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.

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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please expand on your answer			
I SUPPORT THE WELSH GOVERNMENT TO REFORM AND MODERNIZE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION.			

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
 THE BILL SETS OUT A RANGE OF LEGISLATIVE CHARGES THAT WILL IMPROVE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION IN IT RELATION TO ITS WORK AS COMMISSION.

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

Yes No

THE BILL SETS OUT CLEAR PROCESSES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

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
~~THE BILL SETS OUT CLEAR PROCESSES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT~~
 I SUPPORT THE SET CHARGES IN PROPOSED BILL AS LONG AS LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL ARE GIVEN PROPER CONSULTATIONS

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
 PLEASE REFER TO MY ANSWER IN QUESTION 4.

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 I AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH BILL THAT CONTAINED IN THESE SECTIONS PROVIDED THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL ARE TO BE SAFEGUARDED AGAINST ANY ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS ON A GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please expand on your answer <i>THE PANEL SHOULD LOOK INTO REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR COMMUNITY + TOWN COUNCILS. AS NO COUNCILLORS SHOULD BE OUT POCKETS.</i>			

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please expand on your answer <i>I AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE DIRECTION IN RELATIONS TO COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION WITHIN THE BILL.</i>			

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please expand on your answer <i>I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT IN RELATION TO THIS QUESTION.</i>			

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 <i>THIS BILL ACCOUNT MANY NEW PROCESSES AND ACCESS TO NEW INFORMATION FROM TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN WALES.</i>	

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 <i>AVAILABILITY TO SET UP WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATION BY SMALLER COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL HAVE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.</i>	

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

I HAVE NO COMMENT TO ADD ON IS
QUESTION.

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

I AGREE WITH BILL BUT WELSH GOVERNMENT SHOULD HELP
WITH ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY
COUNCIL.