

Consultation on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill
Consultation response form

Following on from our response above, the less local authority areas servicing North Wales the better. Consequently, we would be more supportive of the options set out in Table 1.

Question 1.7: Do you have any general comments on the provisions in section 16 and Schedule 3 of the Draft Bill relating to Local Government finance?

No comment.

Question 1.8: How could the Welsh Government measure the current level of avoidance of Non-Domestic Rates?

No comment.

Question 1.9: Do you have any comments or suggestions on how future legislation could help to reduce instances of avoidance of Non-Domestic Rates?

No comment.

Question 1.10: In what other ways could the Welsh Government enable Local Government to reduce the level of avoidance and fraud within the Non-Domestic Rates system?

No comment.

Question 1.12: Are there other matters of a technical nature which should be considered?

No comment.

PART 2

Question 2.1: Do you have any comments on any of the provisions in Part 2 of the Draft Bill?

No comment.

Question 2.2: Do you have any comments on our proposals relating to Community Councils with competence?

No comment.

PART 3

Question 3.1: Do you have any comments on any of the provisions in Part 3 of the Draft Bill?

No comment.

Question 3.2: Do you have any comments on the proposed public participation duty and the requirement to consult on the annual budget?

No comment.

Question 3.3: How should community representatives to sit on community area committees be sought and selected?

No comment.

Question 3.4: Do you agree County Councils should be able to delegate functions to a community area committee? If yes, are there any functions that should or should not be capable of being delegated?

No comment.

Question 3.5: Do you have any views on whether transitional arrangements need to be put in place for existing area committees, or is a good lead-in time sufficient?

No comment.

Question 4.5: Do you agree the provisions relating to remote attendance in the 2011 Measure should be made more flexible?

No comment.

Question 4.6: Do you have any comments on our proposal that Shadow Authorities should be required to appoint interim Returning Officers?

No comment.

Question 4.7: Do you have any comments on the desirability of giving Councils the power to dismiss the Chief Executive, the Chief Finance Officer, the Monitoring Officer and the Head of Democratic Services through a vote?

No comment.

Question 4.8: Do you have any comments on our proposal to change the framework within which Councils and their Executive determine how their functions are to be allocated?

No comment.

Question 4.9: Do you have any comments on our proposals in relation to the disposal and transfer of Local Authority assets?

No comment.

PART 5

Question 5.1: Do you have any comments on any of the provisions in Part 5 of the Draft Bill?

No comment.

Question 5.2: Do you have any comments on our proposal to subject Local Authorities to a governance arrangements duty?

No comment.

Question 5.3: Do you have any comments on the model approach to peer assessment set out in Annex A?

No comment.

Question 5.4: Do you have any comments on the proposed role for the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee in relation to the Local assessment and governance review?

No comment.

Question 5.6: Are Public Services Boards the right bodies to examine the policy choices facing local public services?

They seem to be a sensible development.



Question 6.8: Do you have any comments on our proposal to repeal the legislation relating to community polls and to require instead that Local Authorities should implement a system of e-petitions?

No comment.

PART 7

Question 7.1: Do you have any comments on any of the provisions in Part 7 of the Draft Bill?

The introduction of the Public Services Staff Commission has been a significant development. It seems sensible that current arrangements need to be strengthened
statutory powers.

Question 7.2: Do you have any views on whether it would still be desirable to establish a statutory Public Services Staff Commission if it would be more constrained in the matters on which it could issue guidance than a non-statutory Commission?

See answer to Question 7.1 above.

PART 8

Question 8.1: Do you have any comments on any of the provisions in Part 8 of the Draft Bill or on any of the Schedules?

No comment.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Question 9.1: Are you aware of any consequential amendments to legislation that will need to be made?

No comment.

Question 9.2: Please provide feedback you think would be useful in relation to the supporting documents published alongside the Draft Bill i.e. Draft Explanatory Memorandum (including the Regulatory Impact Assessment) and specific Impact Assessments.

No comment.

Question 9.3: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addresses, please use this space to comment.

No comment.

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