

# LGD 1 Gwen Cleaver (Individual Response)

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 type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please expand on your answer			
<u>All is working well as it is, therefore what benefits are there for change!!!</u>			

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

No - if it's not broken, why do we need to mend it and change !!!

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

The local councillor already has a large rural area to cover. Extending the area means further for members to make contacts.

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

We in rural areas are getting on with the job in hand. Continuous changes create extra cost and work. "leave all alone"

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

Cross examining executive decisions via DSC, audit and standards committee are good and healthy in a democratic world !!!

### 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 Independent bodies are always good/ necessary and healthy			

### 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 The more we know the better the response to Service + Support in local communities are !!			

### 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 Rural small community councils only have chairs and they do well in our community			

### 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 AS I see. moving boundaries will create barriers !!	

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 No comment !!	

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

Personally I believe major decisions should be made centrally i.e. in London + not in Wales.

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

Wales is a small nation. Independence, recognition is good. Law making, legislation and monetary aspects will not work if we become isolated to run + go alone.