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Introduction

Pontardawe Town Council have reviewed the response provided by 'One Voice Wales' and have agreed with the majority of the points made. We do however wish to add to the points made.

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"/>
Pontardawe Town Council agree with the comments made by One Voice Wales			

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pontardawe Town Council agree with the comments made by One Voice Wales			

Question 3: Do you think the changes being made to the Commission are appropriate? (Part 2 of the Bill)			
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pontardawe Town Council agree with the comments made by One Voice Wales			

Question 5: Do you think the arrangements for local government in relation to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duties of the Commission • Duties of a principal council 			
are appropriate? (Chapter 1)			
Yes	√	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pontardawe Town Council agree with the comments made by One Voice Wales			

Question 6: Do you think the arrangements for local government in relation to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic Services Committees (Section 56) • Audit Committees (Section 57) • Standards Committees (Section 63) 			
are appropriate?			
Yes	√	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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"/>
Pontardawe Town Council agree with the comments made by One Voice Wales			

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 type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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"/>
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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?			
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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.			
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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)?

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

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