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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.

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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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Yes

No

Please expand on your answer

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

CCC replies to this question as follows:

a) Community Council websites

Town & Community Councils should be required to ensure their contact and membership details for Members and contact details for the Clerk are available on Internet websites in addition to, but not instead of traditional methods of notice boards, but it does NOT support the requirement to provide a postal address on the internet for Members or Clerk which is also the home address of Members or of the Clerk.

b) Requirement to give public notices electronically

Town & Community Councils should be required to provide public notices electronically to the Internet websites in addition to, but not instead of traditional methods of notice boards.

c) Meetings and Proceedings of communities

Records of their proceedings should be accessible via the Internet website in addition to, but not instead of, traditional methods of notice boards.

d) Communications

Town & Community Councils should use email communications in addition to, but not instead of, traditional methods of correspondence by letter and telephone.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.

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

Churchstoke Community Council does not wish to respond to this question.