

# The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils

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This consultation is seeking views on draft statutory guidance for community and town councils.

## Questions

1. Generally, is the structure and coverage of the guidance presented clearly and in a way which is practical for community and town councils?

### Chapter 1

2. Does Chapter 1 provide sufficient and appropriate guidance on the eligibility conditions for exercising the general power of competence? Is it clear how the general power of competence should be applied? What additional information would be helpful?

3. What additional information would be helpful to illustrate or clarify how the general power of competence could be applied to community councils? Do you have any case studies which could support this?

### Chapter 2 and 3

4. Do Chapters 2 and 3 provide sufficient and appropriate guidance on the requirements relating to multi-location meetings and on how the public may participate in council meetings?

### Chapter 4

5. Does Chapter 4 provide sufficient and appropriate guidance on meeting the duty to prepare and publish annual reports? What additional specific information would be helpful?

### Chapter 5

6. Does Chapter 5 provide sufficient and appropriate guidance on meeting the duty to prepare and publish training plans? What additional information would be helpful?

7. We would like to know your views on the effects that this guidance would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English. What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

8. Please also explain how you believe the proposed guidance could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

9. We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them: