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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES

The Local Election Survey (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Local Election Survey (Wales) Regulations 2012 ("the 2012 Regulations").

Section 1 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 ("the Measure") imposes a duty on a local authority (a county council or county borough council), to conduct a survey by asking prescribed questions of councillors and candidates who have stood for election as councillors to the council of the county or county borough or to a community council in the local authority's area. Section 1 was amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 2015 ("the 2015 Act") and provides that the survey must be conducted before or after each ordinary election, and removes the requirement for local authorities to arrange for information to be provided anonymously.

The 2012 Regulations prescribe the questions that must be asked. Regulations 3 and 4 amend the 2012 Regulations and insert a new survey into the 2012 Regulations. The amended survey is similar to the survey in the 2012 Regulations, with the addition of unique identifying questions which can be used to establish whether a survey respondent was elected as a councillor. The amendments will also require different questions to be asked depending on whether the survey is being conducted before or after an ordinary election.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained at Democracy, Diversity and Remuneration Team, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.

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Made

13 December 2016

Laid before the National Assembly for Wales 15 December 2016

Coming into force 6 January 2017

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 1(3)(a) and 175 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011(1), make the following Regulations:

Title and commencement

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Local Election Survey (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 6 January 2017.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the 2012 Regulations" ("*Rheoliadau 2012*") means the Local Election Survey (Wales) Regulations 2012(**2**); and

"the Measure" ("*y Mesur*") means the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

Amendments to the 2012 Regulations

3. For regulation 3 (survey questions and form) of the 2012 Regulations substitute—

"3. Survey questions and form

⁽**1**) 2011 (nawm 4).

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2012/685 (W. 93).

For the purposes of section 1(3)(a) of the Measure, the questions and form in which they are to be asked are set out in—

- (a) Parts 1, 2 and 4 of the Schedule if the survey is conducted in accordance with section 1(3A)(b) of the Measure; and
- (b) Parts 1, 3 and 4 of the Schedule if the survey is conducted in accordance with section 1(3A)(a) of the Measure."

4. For the Schedule to the 2012 Regulations (Survey of Local Government Candidates in Wales), substitute the Schedule to these Regulations.

Mark Drakeford Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, one of the Welsh Ministers 13 December 2016

SCHEDULE Regulation 4 Survey of Local Government Candidates in Wales

PART 1

Administration information

Please provide the same details below as those given on your nomination form(s).

1. Please enter the last 3 characters of your home postcode:

For example, for 'CF10 4LG' please enter 4LG

2. Please enter the last 3 characters of your surname:

For example, for 'MURPHY' please enter PHY

3. Please enter the day of your date of birth:

For example, for '04/05/2017' please enter 04

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PART 2

Candidate information (for use when conducting the survey before the election)

4. In which election are you standing?

Please select one option.

County or County Borough Council

Community or Town Council

Both County or County Borough Council and Community or Town Council

5. Which party, if any, are you representing?

Please select one option.

Independent
Plaid Cymru
Welsh Conservative Party
Welsh Labour Party
Welsh Liberal Democrats
Other, please specify:

6. Have you stood for election to a County or County Borough Council in the past?

Please select one option

🗌 No

Yes and was elected

Yes but was not elected

Question 6A only needs to be asked if Question 6 has been answered "Yes and was elected".

6A. How many years in total have you served as a <u>County or County Borough</u> Councillor?

Please include all periods of office that you have served as a County or County Borough Councillor.

_____ years

7. Have you stood for election to a <u>Community or Town</u> Council in the past?

Please select one option

🗌 No

 \Box Yes and was elected

☐ Yes but was not elected

Question 7A only needs to be asked if Question7 has been answered "Yes and was elected".

7A. How many years in total have you served as a Community or Town Councillor?

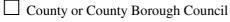
Please include all periods of office that you have served as a Community or Town Councillor. ______ years.

PART 3

Candidate information (for use when conducting the survey after the election)

4. In which election did you stand?

Please select one option.



Community or Town Council

Both County or County Borough Council and Community or Town Council

Question 4A only needs to be asked if Question 4 has been answered "County or County Borough Council".

4A. You said that you stood for election to a <u>County or County Borough Council</u>. What is your status following the election?

Please select one option.

Elected Unelected

Question 4B only needs to be asked if Question 4 has been answered "Community or Town Council".

4B. You said that you stood for election to a <u>Community or Town Council</u>. What is your status following the election?

Please select one option.

Elected Unelected

Question 4C only needs to be asked if Question 4 has been answered "Both County or County Borough Council and Community or Town Council"

4C. You said that you stood for election to both a County or County Borough Council and a Community or Town Council. What is your status following the election?

Please select one option in each row.

County or County Borough Council Community or Town Council Community or Town Council S. Which party, if any, did you represent? Please select one option only. Independent Plaid Cymru Welsh Conservative Party Welsh Labour Party Welsh Liberal Democrats Other, please specify:		Elected	Unelected
5. Which party, if any, did you represent? Please select one option only. Plaid Cymru Velsh Conservative Party Velsh Labour Party Velsh Labour Party			
Please select one option only. Independent Plaid Cymru Welsh Conservative Party Welsh Labour Party Welsh Liberal Democrats	Community or Town Council		
 Independent Plaid Cymru Welsh Conservative Party Welsh Labour Party Welsh Liberal Democrats 	5. Which party, if any, did you rep	present?	
 Plaid Cymru Welsh Conservative Party Welsh Labour Party Welsh Liberal Democrats 	Please select one option only.		
 Welsh Conservative Party Welsh Labour Party Welsh Liberal Democrats 	Independent		
 Welsh Labour Party Welsh Liberal Democrats 	Delaid Cymru		
Welsh Liberal Democrats	U Welsh Conservative Party		
	U Welsh Labour Party		
Other, please specify:	Welsh Liberal Democrats		
	Other, please specify:		

6. Have you stood for election to a County or County Borough Council in the past?

Please select one option.

- D No
- \Box Yes and was elected
- Tyes but was not elected

Question 6A only needs to be asked if Question 6 has been answered "Yes and was elected"

6A. How many years in total have you served as a County or County Borough Councillor?

Please include all periods of office that you have served as a County or County Borough Councillor.

_____years.

7. Have you stood for election to a <u>Community or Town</u> Council in the past?

Please select one option.

D No

 \Box Yes and was elected

☐ Yes but was not elected

Question 7A only needs to be asked if Question7 has been answered "Yes and was elected"

7A. How many years in total have you served as a Community or Town Councillor?

Please include all periods of office that you have served as a Community or Town Councillor.

_____ years.

PART 4

Candidate characteristics

8. Are you:

Please select one option.

Male

Female

9. What age band were you in on your last birthday?

Please select one option. 18-24 years	55-59 years
25-29 years	60-64 years
30-34 years	65-69 years
35-39 years	70-74 years
40-44 years	75-79 years
45-49 years	80 years or over
50-54 years	

10. Do you have parental responsibility for a child aged 16 or under?

Please select one option.

11. What is your ethnic group?

Please select one option.

A. White

	Welsh/	English/	Scottish/	Northern	Irish/	British
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Irish

Gypsy	or	Irish	Travell	er
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Any other White background

B. Mixed/multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- U White and Black African
- U White and Asian
- Any other mixed or multiple ethnic background

C. Asian/ British Asian

- Indian
- D Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

D. Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British

- African
- Caribbean

Any other Black/ African/ Caribbean background

E. Other ethnic group

Arab

Any other ethnic group

12. What is your religion?

Please select one option.

□ No religion
Christian (all denominations)
Buddhist
Hindu
Jewish
Muslim
Sikh
Any other religion, please specify:

13. Do you consider yourself to be:

Please select one option.



Heterosexual or straight

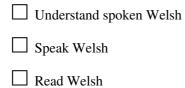
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Bisexual

□ Other

14. Can you understand, speak, read or write Welsh?

Please select all that apply.



Write	Welsh

□ None of the above

15. What is your main language?

Please select one option.

English
 Welsh
 Other (including British Sign Language), please specify:

Education and employment

16. What is your highest educational qualification?

Please select one option.

□ None

- O' Level, GCSE, CSE, NVQ Level 1/2 or equivalent
- A' Level, NVQ Level 3 or equivalent
- NVQ Level 4 or equivalent
- Foundation or Ordinary Degree, NVQ Level 5, HND and HNC
- Honours Degree
- Masters Postgraduate qualification
- Professional qualification (e.g. accountancy)

17. What is your current employment status?

Please select all that apply.

In full-time employment
In part-time employment
Self employed
Unemployed
Full-time student
Part-time student
Retired
On maternity leave
Looking after family or home
Long term sick or disabled
On a government training scheme
Unpaid worker in family business
Unpaid carer
Other, please specify:

18. What category best describes your current or most recent employment sector?

Please select one option.

Local Government
Central Government
□ NHS
Education
□ Other public sector
Private sector
U Voluntary sector
Agriculture
Other, please specify:

19. Which category best describes your current or most recent type of employment?

Please select one option.

Managerial or executive
Professional or technical
Lecturer, teacher or researcher
Administrative, clerical, secretarial or sales
☐ Manual or craft
Other, please specify:

20. Have you given unpaid help, for example as a volunteer, trustee or board member, to any of these types of groups or organisations at any time in the last 12 months?

Please select one option in each row.

	Yes	No
Children's education/schools		
Youth/children's activities (outside school)		
Education for adults		
Sports or exercise (e.g. coaching)		
Religious or faith based group		
Gender group		
Sexuality group		
Political party		
Health, disability or social welfare group		
The elderly		
First aid		
Environment group		
Animal welfare group		
Justice or Human Rights Community or neighbourhood group		
Citizen's group		
Social club		
Trade union		
Other (please specify below)		
If you have selected 'Other' please specify:		

Health and Disability

21. How is your physical health in general?

Please select one option.

Very good
Good Good
🗌 Fair
Poor
U Very poor

22. How is your mental health in general?

Please select one option.



23. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Please select one option.

Yes No

24. Do you have an illness or disability that limits your activities in any way?

Please select one option.

Yes	No
Yes	No

25. Do you have any of the following conditions:

Please select one option in each row.

	Yes	No
Physical impairment		
Sensory impairment		
Learning disability		
Mental health issue		
Long term health condition		
Other (please specify below)		

If you have selected 'Other' please specify: _____