

14 December 2021

Dear

ATISN 15656 Local Government and Elections Bill consultation

Thank you for your request which I received on 22 November. You asked for:

- Information regarding the various consultations that were held prior to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill becoming an Act in January 2021. Specifically:
 - was the 2015 consultation document sent to community councils, and in what format
 - was the consultation that ran from 22 November 2019 to 3 January 2020 sent to community councils, including any covering letter or information that was sent with the consultation.
 - any correspondence that has been sent directly to community councils about the Bill.

Our response

The information you requested relating to the 2015 consultation is enclosed.

The information you have requested relating to the 2019/2020 consultation is not held by the Welsh Government. However, I believe that the Welsh Parliament (The Senedd) may hold information which you are seeking. You can ask them for the information at Welsh Parliament, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff. CF99 1SN or I can transfer your request to them. Please inform me in writing if you would like me to transfer your request.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park,

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

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or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House,

Water Lane,

Wilmslow,

Cheshire,

SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Email sent to all Town and Community Councils in Wales, the Chair and Chief Executive of One Voice Wales and the Chief Executive of the Society of Local Council Clerks

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Minister for Public Services has published for consultation a Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill which sets out the Welsh Government's detailed proposals for the reform of local government. This includes consultation on the Welsh Government's preference for the future "map" of local government in Wales.

The consultation documents can be accessed via the Welsh Government's website at Welsh Government | Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum

The closing date for responses is 15 February 2016.

If you have any initial gueries please email: RLGProgramme@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Annwyl Syr neu Fadam,

Mae'r Gweinidog Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus wedi cyhoeddi er ymgynghori Bil Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) Drafft sy'n gosod allan cynigion manwl Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer diwygio llywodraeth leol. Mae hyn yn cynnwys ymgynghori ar ddewis Llywodraeth Cymru o 'fap' dyfodol llywodraeth leol yng Nghymru.

Gellir dod o hyd i'r dogfennau ymgynghori ar wefan Llywodraeth Cymru Llywodraeth Cymru | Bil Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) Drafft a'r Memorandwm Esboniadol

Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer ymatebion yw 15 Chwefror 2016.

Os oes ganddoch chi gwestiynau cychwynnol, danfonwch ebost at: RLGProgramme@cymru.gsi.gov.uk