

**Easy Read**

**How councils should understand how well they are doing and improve**

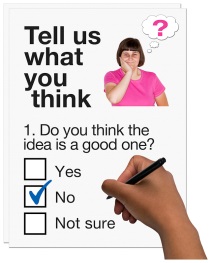
**Response form**

Please send this response form back to us by **3 February 2021**

This is an easy read version of the questions from the Welsh Government consultation on “**Draft** **Statutory Guidance. Performance and governance of principal councils”.**

**December 2020**

**How to fill in this response form**

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These questions are about our ideas for the guidance on **Chapter 6, Part 1** of the **Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.**

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Before you answer the questions please read the main easy read document:

**How councils should understand how well they are doing and improve - We want to know what you think**



Please try to explain your answers. And give your own thoughts and ideas too.

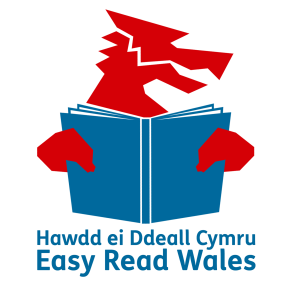


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Some words may be difficult to understand. These are in **bold blue writing**. They have been explained on **page 24** of the main document.

****Where the document says **we**, this means the **Welsh Government**.



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**How we will use the information you give us**



Welsh Government will be looking at your answers to make decisions about the guidance for **Part 6, Chapter 1,** of the **Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill.**



Sometimes we ask other organisations to help us make decisions. They may also see the answers that people give.



We will make sure we follow the law when we use your information.



We will write a report about what people said.



We might write some people’s answers in full with their names and addresses in the report or on the internet.

When you send us your answers, please tell us if you do **not** want us to write your name and address in the report or on the internet.



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* know what information we have about you and how you can see it
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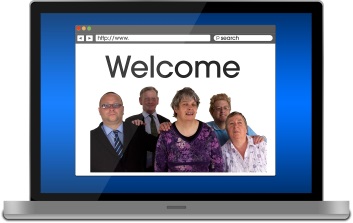
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**Questions**

**Question 1.** Do you think the guidance explains clearly what the law – Part 6, Chapter 1 of the **Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill** -expects councils to do?

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| Yes |  | No |  | Not sure |  |

**If not, please tell us why not:**

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**Question 2.** Please read **pages 14 to 15**.Do you think Chapter 2 makes it clear that councils should keep checking what they do?

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| Yes |  | No |  | Not sure |  |

**If not, what would you add or change?**

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**Question 3.** Please read **pages 14 to 15**. Do you think Chapter 2 explains clearly how councils could do **self-assessments**?

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| Yes |  | No |  | Not sure |  |

**If not, what would you add or change?**

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**Question 4.** Please read **pages 16 to 19**. Do you think Chapter 3 explains clearly how councils could do **panel performance assessments?**

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| Yes |  | No |  | Not sure |  |

**If not, what would you add or change?**

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**Question 5.** Please read **pages 20 to 22**. Chapter 4 is about the role of the **Auditor General for Wales**. Chapter 5 is about what **Welsh Ministers** and councils can do.

Do you think Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 clearly explains what the **Auditor General for Wales, councils** and **Welsh Ministers** can do?

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| Yes |  | No |  | Not sure |  |

**If not, what would you add or change?**

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**Question 6.** Do you think the guidance would have an effect on the Welsh language?

For example, will the guidance give people more chances to use Welsh? Do you think the Welsh and English languages will be treated equally?

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| Yes |  | No |  | Not sure |  |

**Question 7.** How could we make sure the guidance has a good impact on the Welsh language? How could we stop there being a bad impact? If you have any thoughts about this, please tell us here:

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**Question 8.** Is there anything else you would like to say about the draft guidance?

**Please tell us here:**

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**If you do not want us to write your answers, your name and address in our report, or on the internet, please tick here**

**Thank you.**