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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

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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 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 Community or Town Council in the past?

Please select one option

- No
- Yes and was elected
- Yes but was not elected

Question 7A only needs to be asked if Question 7 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.

- County or County Borough Council
- 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 County or County Borough Council. 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 Community or Town Council. 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.

	Elected	Unelected
County or County Borough Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community or Town Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. 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:

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 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 Community or Town Council in the past?

Please select one option.

- No
- Yes and was elected
- Yes but was not elected

Question 7A only needs to be asked if Question 7 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.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-59 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 60-64 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-69 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 70-74 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40-44 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 75-79 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45-49 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 80 years or over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-54 years | |

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

Please select one option.

- Yes No

11. What is your ethnic group?

Please select one option.

A. White

- Welsh/ English/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background

B. Mixed/multiple ethnic groups

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

C. Asian/ British Asian

- Indian
- 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
- Gay or lesbian
- Bisexual
- Other

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

Please select all that apply.

- Understand spoken Welsh
- Speak Welsh
- Read Welsh
- 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
- 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth/children’s activities (outside school)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education for adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports or exercise (e.g. coaching)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious or faith based group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexuality group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Political party	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health, disability or social welfare group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
First aid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal welfare group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justice or Human Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community or neighbourhood group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizen’s group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade union	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
- Fair
- Poor
- Very poor

22. How is your mental health in general?

Please select one option.

- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very poor

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

25. Do you have any of the following conditions:

Please select one option in each row.

	Yes	No
Physical impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sensory impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental health issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long term health condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have selected 'Other' please specify: _____