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23rd January 2013

Leanne Hatcher
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Dear Ms Hatcher,

Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill

I refer to the consultation process with regard to the above and enclose for your information a completed questionnaire form which was approved for onward transmission to yourself by the General Purposes Committee of this Town Council at its meeting held on 22nd January 2013.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wright', written over a horizontal line.

Town Clerk and Financial Officer

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Annexe 1

Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill

Consultation Response Form

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As part of its Stage 1 consideration, the National Assembly for Wales' **Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee** is calling for evidence on the general principles of the **Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill**.

Please return this form to the National Assembly for Wales, by 31 January 2013. Should you have any queries please contact Bethan Davies, Clerk 02920 89 8120 or Leanne Hatcher, Deputy Clerk 029 2089 8147.

Responses should be sent to:

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The Local Government Boundary Commission

Question 1: Is there a need for a Bill to make changes to the constitution and functions of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales ("the Commission") and to make various provisions relating to local government?

Yes



No



Please expand on your answer

*WITHOUT A BILL THE MATHIAS RECOMMENDATIONS
CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED*

Question 2: Do you think the Bill will improve the delivery of the statutory roles and functions of the Commission? (paragraph 3.1 of the explanatory memorandum)

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please expand on your answer

SEE PREVIOUS ANSWER

Question 3: Do you think the changes being made to the Commission are appropriate? (Part 2 of the Bill)

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CHANGES PROPOSED SO FAR ARE POSITIVE

Local Government arrangements

Question 4: Do you think the provisions relating to procedures for local government reviews are appropriate? (Chapter 4 and 5)

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please expand on your answer

Question 5: Do you think the arrangements for local government in relation to:

- Duties of the Commission
- Duties of a principal council

are appropriate? (Chapter 1)

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please expand on your answer

PROCEDURES ARE MUCH CLEARER UNDER THE NEW PROPOSALS

Question 6: Do you think the arrangements for local government in relation to:

- Democratic Services Committees (Section 56) YES NO
- Audit Committees (Section 57) YES NO
- Standards Committees (Section 63) YES NO

are appropriate?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please expand on your answer *THE SECTIONS REFERRED TO DO NOT CORRELATE WITH THE EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM NUMBERING OF SECTIONS*

* THIS ASSUMES A MOVE TOWARDS REGIONALISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHICH NOT CURRENTLY BEING DEBATED.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Question 7: Do you think the provisions relating to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales are appropriate? (Chapter 5, Sections 58-62)			
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please expand on your answer			
<i>THE MEASURES PROPOSED SUPPORT OPENNESS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY</i>			

Access to information (Town and Community Councils)

Question 8: Do you think the provisions relating to improving access to information (Town and Community Councils) are appropriate?			
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please expand on your answer			
<i>THE PROPOSALS MODERNISE COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS AND ALSO PROVIDE FOR OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY</i>			

Chairing of Principal Councils (Chairs and Mayors of Principal Councils)

Question 9: Do you think the provisions relating to the Chairing of Principal Councils (Chairs and Mayors of Principal Councils) are appropriate?			
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please expand on your answer			
<i>BOTH ROLES SHOULD REMAIN COMBINED</i>			

General Provisions of the Bill

Question 10: What are the potential barriers to implementing the provisions of the Bill (if any) and does the Bill take account of them?	
Please expand on your answer	
<i>THE LACK OF REFERENCE TO REGIONALISATION MAY CAUSE DIFFICULTIES (SEE STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANSWER).</i>	

Question 11: What are the financial implications of the Bill, if any? In answering this question you may wish to consider Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum (the Impact Assessment), which estimates the costs and benefits of implementation of the Bill.	
Please expand on your answer	
<i>NONE THIS ORGANISATION CAN DETERMINE</i>	

Question 12: What are your views on powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (i.e statutory instruments including regulations and orders) (section 5 of the Explanatory Memorandum)?

Please expand on your answer *SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION RIGHTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO SWIFTLY CORRECT ERRORS OR ANOMALIES IN PRIMARY LEGISLATION AS THEY APPEAR*

Question 13: Are there any other comments you wish to make about specific sections of the Bill?

No .