Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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PART 3

PROMOTING ACCESS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 2

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING BY PRINCIPAL COUNCILS

Principal council's petition scheme

42   Duty to make petition scheme

(1) A principal council must make and publish a scheme (a "petition scheme") setting out how the council intends to handle and respond to petitions (including electronic petitions).

(2) A petition scheme must, in particular, set out—
   (a)   how a petition may be submitted to the council;
   (b)   how and by when the council will acknowledge receipt of a petition;
   (c)   the steps the council may take in response to a petition received by it;
   (d)   the circumstances (if any) in which the council may take no further action in response to a petition;
   (e)   how and by when the council will make available its response to a petition to the person who submitted the petition and to the public.

(3) A principal council must review its petition scheme from time to time and, if the council considers it appropriate, revise the scheme.

(4) If a principal council revises or replaces a petition scheme, it must publish the revised or new scheme.

[**F1**(5) This section applies to a corporate joint committee as it applies to a principal council and references in subsections (1) to (4) to a principal council are to be construed accordingly.**]**

Textual Amendments

F1   S. 42(5) inserted (6.5.2022) by The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/1349), regs. 1(3)(c), **31**

Commencement Information

I1   S. 42 in force at 5.5.2022 by S.I. 2021/231, **art. 6(d)**

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, Cross Heading: Principal council's petition scheme.