



# 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.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, Section 42. (See end of Document for details)*

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

[<sup>F1</sup>(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)**

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