



# Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

2011 nawm 4

## PART 1

### STRENGTHENING LOCAL DEMOCRACY

#### CHAPTER 1

##### PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

###### *Survey of councillors and unsuccessful candidates for election as councillors*

#### **1 Duty to conduct a survey**

- (1) A local authority must, in accordance with regulations under this section, conduct a survey of—
    - (a) councillors in its area, and
    - (b) unsuccessful candidates for election to the office of councillor in its area.
  - (2) A local authority must conduct a survey [<sup>F1</sup>, or arrange for the conduct of a survey, in relation to] each ordinary election to—
    - (a) the council of the county or county borough, and
    - (b) a community council in the local authority's area.
  - (3) The survey must be conducted by—
    - (a) asking prescribed questions in any prescribed form or manner, and
    - (b) collating the information in any prescribed form or manner.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(3A) A survey in the case of an ordinary election may be conducted—
  - (a) entirely after the ordinary election, or
  - (b) by asking the candidates for election to the office of councillor to answer the prescribed questions before the ordinary election and collating the information provided afterwards.]

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- (4) The questions that may be prescribed under subsection (3) include (but are not limited to) questions about the individual to whom they are addressed which relate to—
- (a) gender;
  - (b) sexual orientation;
  - (c) language;
  - (d) race;
  - (e) age;
  - (f) disability;
  - (g) religion or belief;
  - (h) health;
  - (i) education and qualifications;
  - (j) employment;
  - (k) work as a councillor.

(5) Nothing in this section places a duty on [F<sup>3</sup>any individual] to provide any information.

F<sup>4</sup>(6) .....

(7) section—

“belief” (“*cred*”) means any religious or philosophical belief and a reference to belief includes a reference to a lack of belief;

“councillor” (“*cyngorydd*”) includes community councillor;

“disability” (“*anabledd*”) means a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities;

“race” (“*hi*”) means colour, nationality or ethnic or national origins;

“religion” (“*crefydd*”) means any religion and a reference to religion includes a reference to a lack of religion;

“sexual orientation” (“*cyfeiriadedd rhywiol*”) means a person's sexual orientation towards—

- (a) persons of the same sex,
- (b) persons of the opposite sex, or
- (c) persons of either sex.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (25.1.2016) by Local Government (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 6), **ss. 42(2), 46(1)**

**F2** S. 1(3A) inserted (25.1.2016) by Local Government (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 6), **ss. 42(3), 46(1)**

**F3** Words in s. 1(5) substituted (25.1.2016) by Local Government (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 6), **ss. 42(4), 46(1)**

**F4** S. 1(6) omitted (25.1.2016) by virtue of Local Government (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 6), **ss. 42(5), 46(1)**

#### Commencement Information

**I1** S. 1 in force at 31.8.2011 by S.I. 2011/2011, **art. 2(a)**

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