



# Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

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## 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 after 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.
- (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;

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- (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 a councillor or an unsuccessful candidate for election to the office of councillor to provide any information.
- (6) A local authority must make arrangements for councillors and unsuccessful candidates for election to the office of councillor to provide information under this section anonymously.
- (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.