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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2022 No. 220 (W. 70)**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES**

**The Local Election Survey (Wales)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2022**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>3 March 2022</i>
<i>Laid before Senedd Cymru</i>		<i>7 March 2022</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>28 March 2022</i>

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 1(3)(a)(1) of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011(2), make the following Regulations.

**Title and commencement**

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Local Election Survey (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 28 March 2022.

**Amendments to the Local Election Survey (Wales) Regulations 2012**

2. For the Schedule to the Local Election Survey (Wales) Regulations 2012(3) (Survey of Local Government Candidates in Wales), substitute the Schedule to these Regulations.

3 March 2022

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(1) See the definition of “prescribed” in section 175.  
(2) 2011 nawm 4.  
(3) S.I. 2012/685 (W. 93), amended by S.I. 2016/1220 (W. 291).

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Survey of Local Government Candidates in Wales

**Part 1: Administration information**

Please provide the same details below as those given on your nomination form(s).

1. Please enter the **last 3 characters** of your **home postcode**.

*For example, for 'CF10 4LG' please enter 4LG.*

2. Please enter the **last 3 characters** of your **surname**.

*For example, for 'MURPHY' please enter PHY.*

3. Please enter the **day** of your **date of birth**.

*For example, for '06/12/1992' please enter 06.*

**Part 2: Candidate information (for use when conducting the survey before the election).**

4. In which election are you standing?

*Please select one option.*

- County or County Borough Council
- Community or Town Council
- Both County or County Borough Council and Community or Town Council

5. Which party, if any, are you representing?

*Please select one option.*

- Independent
- Plaid Cymru
- Welsh Conservative Party
- Welsh Labour Party
- Welsh Liberal Democrats
- Other (please specify below):

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6. Have you stood for election to a **County or County Borough** Council in the past?

*Please select one option.*

- No
- Yes and was elected
- Yes but was not elected

**Question 6A only needs to be asked if Question 6 has been answered "Yes and was elected".**

6A. How many **years** in total have you served as a **County or County Borough** Councillor?

*Please include all periods of office that you served as a County or County Borough Councillor.*

7. Have you stood for election to a **Community or Town Council** in the past?

*Please select one option.*

- No
- Yes and was elected
- Yes but was not elected

**Question 7A only needs to be asked if Question 7 has been answered "Yes and was elected".**

7A. How many **years** in total have you served as a **Community or Town** Councillor?

*Please include all periods of office that you served as a Community or Town Councillor.*

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**Part 3: Candidate information (for use when conducting the survey after the election)**

4. In which election did you stand?

*Please select one option.*

- County or County Borough Council
- Community or Town Council
- Both County or County Borough Council and Community or Town Council

**Question 4A only needs to be asked if Question 4 has been answered "County or County Borough Council".**

4A. You said that you stood for election to a **County or County Borough** Council.

Were you elected?

*Please select one option.*

- Yes
- No

**Question 4B only needs to be asked if Question 4 has been answered "Community or Town Council".**

4B. You said that you stood for election to a **Community or Town** Council.

Were you elected?

*Please select one option.*

- Yes
- No

**Question 4C only needs to be asked if Question 4 has been answered "Both County or County Borough Council and Community or Town Council".**

4C. You said that you stood for election to a **County or County Borough County and Community or Town** Council.

Were you elected?

*Please select one option.*

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	Yes	No
County or County Borough	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Community or Town Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Which party, if any, did you represent?

*Please select one option.*

- Independent
- Plaid Cymru
- Welsh Conservative Party
- Welsh Labour Party
- Welsh Liberal Democrats
- Other (please specify below):

6. Have you stood for election to a **County or County Borough** Council in the past?

*Please select one option.*

- No
- Yes and was elected
- Yes but was not elected

**Question 6A only needs to be asked if Question 6 has been answered “Yes and was elected”.**

6A. How many **years** in total have you served as a **County or County Borough** Councillor?

*Please include all periods of office that you served as a County or County Borough Councillor.*

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7. Have you stood for election to a **Community or Town** Council in the past?

*Please select one option.*

- No
- Yes and was elected
- Yes but was not elected

**Question 7A only needs to be asked if Question 7 has been answered “Yes and was elected”.**

7A. How many **years** in total have you served as a **Community or Town** Councillor?

*Please include all periods of office that you served as a Community or Town Councillor.*

**Part 4: Candidate characteristics**

8. What is your sex?

*Please select one option.*

- Female
- Male

9. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

*Please select one option.*

- Yes
- No (Please specify below)
- Prefer not to say

10. What age band were you in on your last birthday?

*Please select one option.*

- 18-24 years

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- 25-29 years
- 30-34 years
- 35-39 years
- 40-44 years
- 45-49 years
- 50-54 years
- 55-59 years
- 60-64 years
- 65-69 years
- 70-74 years
- 75-79 years
- 80 years or over

11. Do you have any caring responsibilities?

*Please select all that apply.*

- Yes, I have parental responsibility for a child aged 16 or under
- Yes, I have caring responsibilities for a family member
- Yes, I have caring responsibilities for someone who is not a family member
- No, I do not have caring responsibilities for anyone

12. Are you aware of the Contribution towards Costs of Care and Personal Assistance (formerly known as Reimbursement of costs of care allowance) available for Councillors?

*Please select one option.*

- Yes, I am aware and have accessed the allowance before.
- Yes, I am aware and have not accessed the allowance before
- No, I was not aware of the allowance

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13. What is your ethnic group?

*Please select one option.*

**A. White**

- Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Roma
- Any other White background (please specify below)

**B. Mixed or multiple ethnic groups**

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed or multiple ethnic background (please specify below)

**C. Asian, Asian Welsh or Asian British**

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background (please specify below)

**D. Black, Black Welsh, Black British, Caribbean or African**

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background (please specify below)

**E. Other ethnic group**

- Any other ethnic group (please specify below)



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14. What is your religion?

*Please select one option.*

- No religion
- Christian (all denominations)
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Prefer not to say
- Any other religion (please specify below):

15. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

*Please select one option.*

- Heterosexual or straight
- Gay or lesbian
- Bisexual
- Prefer not to say
- Any other sexual orientation (please specify below):

16. Can you understand, speak, read or write Welsh?

*Please select all that apply.*

- Understand spoken Welsh
- Speak Welsh
- Read Welsh
- Write Welsh
- None of the above

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17. What is the language you prefer to communicate in professionally?

Please select all that apply.

- English
- Welsh
- Other, including British Sign Language (please specify below):

**Education and employment**

18. Have you achieved any of the below qualifications?

Please select all that apply.

GCSEs or equivalent

- 5 or more GCSEs (A\*- C, 9-4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1) or Intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate
- Any other GCSEs, O levels or CSEs (any grades), Basic Skills course or Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate

AS, A level or equivalent

- 2 or more A levels, 4 or more AS levels or Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate
- 1 A level, 2-3 AS levels
- 1 AS level

NVQ or equivalent

- NVQ level 4 and above
- NVQ level 3, BTEC National, OND or ONC, City and Guilds Advanced Craft
- NVQ level 2, BTEC General, City and Guilds Craft
- NVQ level 1

Degree level or above

- Degree, foundation, HND or HNC or above

Other or no qualification

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- Any other qualifications (including professional qualifications), equivalent unknown
- No qualifications

19. What is your current employment status?

*Please select all that apply.*

- In full-time employment
- In part-time employment
- Self employed
- Unemployed
- Full-time student
- Part-time student
- Retired / Semi retired
- On parental leave (maternity, paternity, adopters etc.)
- Looking after family or home
- Long term sick or disabled
- On a government training scheme
- Unpaid worker in family business
- Unpaid carer
- Other (please specify below):

20. What category best describes your current or most recent employment sector?

*Please select one option.*

- Public sector
- Private sector
- Voluntary sector
- Armed forces
- Other (please specify below):

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21. Which of these clubs or organisations, if any, are you currently giving your time to for free? *Please select all that apply.*

- Charitable organisation
- School or young person's group
- Tenants / residents group or neighbourhood watch
- Religious group
- Pensioners group / organisation
- Sports club
- Arts groups (e.g. drama, music, arts or crafts)
- Environmental group
- Museum / heritage site
- Community groups
- Other club or organisation

**Impairment or health conditions**

22. Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

23. Do you have any of the following?

*Please select all that apply.*

- A physical impairment
- A sensory impairment
- A learning difficulty or impairment
- A mental health condition
- A long-term health condition
- Neurodivergence

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- Other (please specify below):

24. Are you aware of the Access to Elected Office Fund Wales?

*Please select one option.*

- Yes, I am aware and have received it before
- Yes, I am aware and have not received it before
- No, I was not aware of the fund”.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Local Election Survey (Wales) Regulations 2012 (“the 2012 Regulations”).

Section 1 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 imposes a duty on a local authority (a county council or county borough council) to conduct, or to arrange for the conduct of, a survey by asking prescribed questions of candidates who are standing for election as councillors to the council of the county or county borough or to a community council in its area. Alternatively, the survey may be conducted entirely after the ordinary election, of both the successful and unsuccessful candidates.

The 2012 Regulations prescribe the questions that must be asked when conducting a survey.

Regulation 2 of these Regulations replaces the survey set out in the Schedule to the 2012 Regulations with a new survey (“the New Survey”), which makes minor amendments to the previous survey, including providing additional optional answers to certain questions and altering the wording of some questions. The New Survey also asks additional questions in relation to awareness of the Contribution towards Costs of Care and Personal Assistance, and the Access to Elected Office Fund Wales.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Democracy, Diversity and Remuneration Team, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.