

# Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

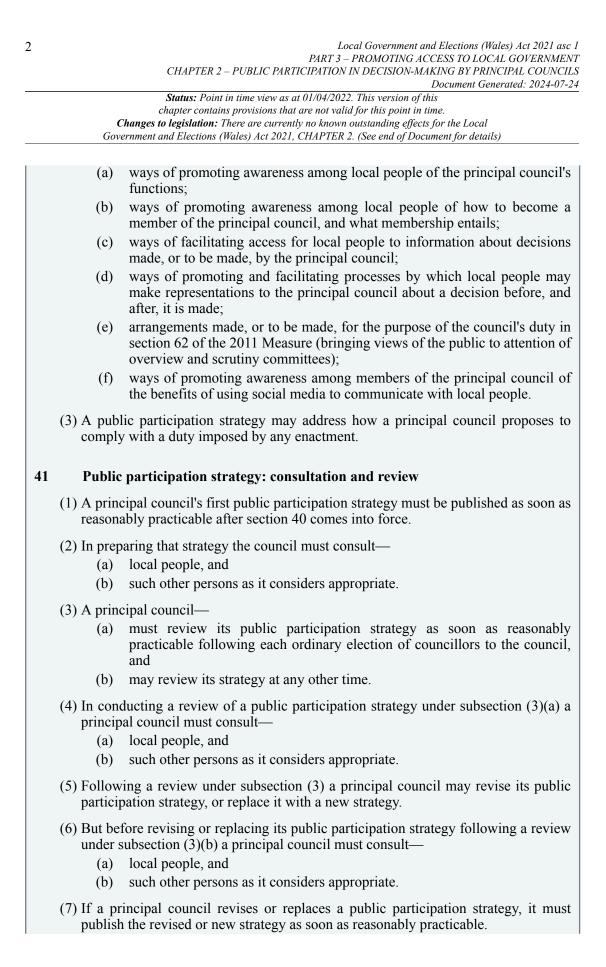
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## PART 3

### PROMOTING ACCESS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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CHAPTER 2		
	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING BY PRINCIPAL COUNCILS	
	Principal councils' duty to encourage participation in local government	
39	Duty to encourage local people to participate in decision-making by principal councils	
	(1) A principal council must encourage local people to participate in the making of decisions by the council (including the making of decisions in partnership or in conjunction with any other person).	
	(2) In subsection (1), a reference to the making of decisions includes a reference to the making of decisions by a person in relation to the exercise of a function delegated to that person by a principal council.	
40	Strategy on encouraging participation	
	(1) A principal council must prepare and publish a strategy ("a public participation strategy") specifying how it proposes to comply with the duty in section 39.	

(2) A public participation strategy must, in particular, address-



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	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).
	<ul> <li>(2) A petition scheme must, in particular, set out— <ul> <li>(a) how a petition may be submitted to the council;</li> <li>(b) how and by when the council will acknowledge receipt of a petition;</li> <li>(c) the steps the council may take in response to a petition received by it;</li> <li>(d) the circumstances (if any) in which the council may take no further action in response to a petition;</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	(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.
	Addresses of members of principal councils
43	Duty on principal councils to publish official addresses
	A principal council must publish an electronic and postal address for each member of the council, to which correspondence for the member may be sent.
	Guidance
44	Guidance on exercise of functions under this Chapter
	A principal council must have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers about the exercise of functions under this Chapter.

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