

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
 - unsuccessful candidates for election to the office of councillor in its area.
- (2) A local authority must conduct a survey [F1, or arrange for the conduct of a survey, in relation to] each ordinary election to
 - the council of the county or county borough, and
 - a community council in the local authority's area.
- (3) The survey must be conducted by
 - asking prescribed questions in any prescribed form or manner, and
 - collating the information in any prescribed form or manner.
- [F2(3A) A survey in the case of an ordinary election may be conducted—
 - (a) entirely after the ordinary election, or
 - 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 [F3 any individual] to provide any information.

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(7) section—

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

"councillor" ("cynghorydd") 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" ("hil") 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),
- F4 S. 1(6) omitted (25.1.2016) by virtue of Local Government (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 6), ss. 42(5), 46(1)

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