

Performance and Governance Consultation Questions

Does the draft guidance make it clear what is expected of principal councils as set out in the provisions of Part 6 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill in a way that can be understood by principal councils? If not, why not?

Does Chapter 2 of the guidance set out the performance requirements and the duty to keep performance under review sufficiently clearly? If not, what would you add or change?

Does Chapter 2 of the guidance explain how a council could meet the requirement to undertake self-assessment in order to fulfil its duties? If not, what would you add or change?

Does Chapter 3 of the guidance make the minimum requirements for principal councils to arrange and respond to a panel performance assessment clear, as well as provide sufficient flexibility for each council to determine its own approach? If not, what would you add or change?

Chapter 4 outlines the Auditor General for Wales' powers to carry out a special inspection, and the duties of principal councils and Welsh Ministers to respond to any recommendations.

Chapter 5 describes the powers and duties for both Welsh Ministers and councils in relation to supporting and assisting with improving performance; and powers for intervention by Welsh Ministers. Do Chapters 4 and 5 sufficiently describe and explain these powers? If not, what would you add or change?

We would like to know your views on the effects that the guidance would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Please also explain how you believe the guidance could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language, and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and ensure there are no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.

We have asked a number of specific questions on the draft guidance. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use the consultation response form to express your views