

Equality, Local Government and Communities
Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff
CF99 1NA

4 June 2018

Dear Colleague

Consultation on diversity in local government

The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee is undertaking an inquiry into **diversity in local government**.

Terms of reference

The Committee's terms of reference for its inquiry are to:

- To understand the importance of diversity among local councillors, including the effect on public engagement, debate and decision making.
- To understand key barriers to attracting a more diverse pool of candidates for local government elections.
- To explore areas of innovation and good practice that may help increase diversity in local government.
- To explore the potential impact of the proposals in the Welsh Government's Green Paper, Strengthening Local Government to increasing diversity in Council chambers.



Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee would like to invite you to submit written evidence to assist in its consideration of the inquiry. It would be helpful if you could use the above terms of reference to frame your response.

Submissions should arrive no later than **Monday 10 September 2018**.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to: SeneddCommunities@assembly.wales

Online survey

Alternatively, if you would prefer to respond to our online survey, which asks more specific questions about local government in your community and your experiences, please go the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5LG8QQW>

Guidance

Submissions should be no longer than five sides of A4, with numbered paragraphs, and should focus on the terms of reference.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

Please see the [guidance for those providing evidence for committees](#).

Bilingual Policy

The Committee welcomes contributions in both or either of our official languages, English and Welsh. Information not submitted bilingually will not be translated and will be published in the language of submission only. We expect organisations to implement their own standards and schemes and to comply with their statutory obligations.

Disclosure of Information



You can find further details about how we will use your information at www.assembly.wales/InquiryPrivacy. Please ensure that you have considered these details carefully before submitting information to the Committee.

Contact details

If you wish to speak to someone regarding this consultation, please use the following contact details:

Committee Clerk

Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee


National Assembly for Wales

Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Email: SeneddCommunities@assembly.wales

Telephone: 0300 200 6565

Yours sincerely,



John Griffiths AM

Chair, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

