

CONSULTATION ON SIZE OF COUNCIL

Q1 Do you believe that the parameter of 50% of the population that live outside settlements larger than 10,000 persons is appropriate for Wales?

A1 Yes

Q 2 Do you believe that the parameters of 2, 4.5 and 10 persons per hectare for population density are appropriate for Wales?

A2 Yes

Q3 Do you believe that the councillor to population ratios are appropriate for each category?

A3 Yes

Q4 Do you consider it appropriate that a minimum number of 30 councillors is required for the proper management of the affairs of a county or a county borough council?

A4 Yes.

Q5 Do you consider it appropriate that a maximum number of 75 councillors before a county or a county borough council becomes unwieldy and difficult to manage?

A5 Yes.

Q6 Do you consider it appropriate to cap the amount of change of councillor numbers as a result of a review?

A6 No. The number should be a flexible starting point particularly where it gives a significant change to the existing number of councillors.

Q7 What percentage level of change do you think is appropriate to be used as a cap at each review?

A7 See answer to Q6.

Q 8 Should the Commission be able to not adhere to the review cap if specifically requested to do so by a Local Authority and when such a change does not vary from the model?

A8 See answer to Q6.

Other observations

1. The consultation needs to be viewed in the context of the bigger picture of the Williams Commission on Public Service Governance established in April.
2. The number of Councillors resulting from the methodology needs to be used as a flexible starting point that may change during the review process.