

Questions to local authorities and other interested parties on the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales' consultation on its approach to council size.

General

1. Do you consider that outlining a detailed approach to adopting a particular council size is helpful?

Banding

2. Do you think that the principle of banding is useful when considering council size?
3. Do you think the four categories of 'urban', 'rural', 'valley' and 'other' are appropriate? Do you think that each authority has been allocated to the relevant category?
4. Do you think that the councillor:elector ratio for each category of authorities is appropriate? If not, what ratio is better and why?

Discussion with authority under review

5. Do you think it is helpful for the Commission and Council to have detailed discussions at the start of the review process about what the council size should be?
6. Do you agree that the areas of council business identified in paragraph 48 of this consultation document are all pertinent issues, relevant to council size?

This guidance has been prepared on the basis of the existing legislation and Directions. The Commission must conduct all electoral reviews within this framework until any changes are introduced by legislation or in Minister's Directions. However, the Commission welcomes views on what, if any, changes should be made to the legislation for conducting electoral reviews in the future, in relation to matters relevant to council size:

7. Do you consider there should be a range of council sizes for authorities to fall between? Do you think 30 to 75 is an appropriate range?
8. Do you consider there should be a councillor:elector ratio for authorities to aim towards? Should it be different for different authorities?
9. If the proposals contained in this Policy are accepted by the Minister, do you consider that the current Directions are needed? If you are in favour of the Direction, please give the reasons for your view.