



# Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013

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## PART 3

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### CHAPTER 1

#### DUTIES TO MONITOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENTS

##### *Duties of a principal council*

#### **22 Duties of principal councils in relation to area**

- (1) A principal council must, for the purpose of considering whether it is appropriate to make or recommend changes under this Part, monitor—
  - (a) the communities in its area, and
  - (b) the electoral arrangements of such communities.
- (2) In pursuance of that duty, a principal council must—
  - (a) have regard to the Commission's timetable for conducting the reviews of principal areas' electoral arrangements required by section 29(1), and
  - (b) carry out such reviews under this Part as are required under this or any other enactment, as may be directed by the Welsh Ministers, or as it otherwise considers appropriate.
- (3) In carrying out its duties under this Part (and in conducting any review), a principal council must seek to ensure effective and convenient local government.
- (4) A principal council must provide the Commission with such information as it may reasonably require in connection with the exercise of its functions under this Part.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (5) A principal council must, in respect of each reporting period, publish a report describing how it has discharged its duty under subsection (1) and send a copy of the report to the Commission.
- (6) In this section, “reporting period” means—
- (a) the period of 10 years beginning with—
    - (i) the date on which the principal council last published a report under section 55(2A) or, if earlier, section 57(4A) of the 1972 Act, or
    - (ii) in the case of a principal council which has not published such a report before coming into force this section, the day on which this section comes into force, and
  - (b) each subsequent period of 10 years.