



News from One Voice Wales:

Welcome to Issue 12 of the One Voice Wales E-Bulletin. This edition is packed with our regular update from our *Cost of Living* team and *Local Places for Nature* programme, along with key news and opportunities to support your work in local communities.

NEWS

Experiencing inter councillor bickering and requirement for local mediation ? then please attend one of these sessions.

You are invited to participate in our upcoming workshops focused on exploration of the [Local Resolution Protocol function](#) (LRP).

These sessions will provide an opportunity to share insights, discuss challenges, and collaborate on innovative approaches to improve the process. We are looking for a range of individuals including Clerks and Town and Community councillors to contribute your perspectives on the LRP and work carried out so far.

The workshops will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday 26th November 2:00-4:00
- Thursday 27th November - 4:00-6:00
- Wednesday 3rd December - 10:00-12:00

Please RSVP your date preference and confirm your language preference by 20th November to lgpolicy.correspondence@gov.wales.

UNSUBSCRIBING - It would appear that a couple of councils have Unsubscribed from the E- Bulletin . If a Council email unsubscribes this will be reinstated as it is part of your membership and we would hope that all clerks forward the contents onto members - if an individual member who is on our database unsubscribes then we will not be re adding this address. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT YOU UNSUBSCRIBE FROM BOTH LANGUAGES IF YOU THINK YOU ARE JUST UNSUBSCRIBING FROM ONE.



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NOVEMBER



Interim Report 2025-2028

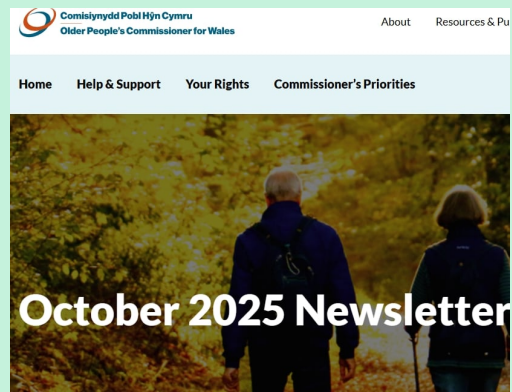


Newsletter

External Newsletters



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**Older Peoples
Commissioners newsletter**

Consultations

Consultation on the changes to local government elections rules in Wales

Welsh Government is consulting on changes to local government elections rules in Wales. These are set out in the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 (“the Principal Areas Rules”) for county and county borough councils, and the Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021 (“the Communities Rules”) for town and community councils. These are referred to in the consultation as “the 2021 Rules”. The 2021 Rules were fully redrafted and modernised in 2021. They were updated further in 2023 to enable elections under the Single Transferable Vote system, should any principal council adopt that system under the power in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. Welsh Government is not proposing to make significant changes to the 2021 Rules, aside from some, largely technical, changes or those required to take account of changes to policy and other legislation.

Views are being sought on:

- updating the Rules to make sure they are bilingual
- updating the Rules to reflect recent changes in the Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) Order

2025

- making the change to security-related cost exemptions that are in place for Senedd elections to local government elections
- proposals contained within the UK Government's strategy paper on electoral reform

One Voice Wales will be preparing a response to this consultation and the views of Community and Town Councils are invited by 6th January 2026. Please email responses to the Policy Officer, Dr Catrin Jones on cjones@onevoicewales.wales.

Welsh Government considering options for the NHS Wales bursary scheme

Worth taking the time to view on the One Voice Wales Website:

Model Governance Documents and guidance for Councils

Model Governance Documents and guidance for Councils:

One Voice Wales has published model arrangements to help Councils run effectively and meet their statutory obligations. We also circulate statutory guidance and other guidance.

We keep these arrangements under regular review, helping Councils to maintain a sound governance framework.

Click on the the link to see the wealth of documents that are available

For further information

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Practice Development Notes:

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We hope that Councils find our Practice Development Note helpful. They contain practical advice on dealing with many different matters. We keep them under regular review to ensure that they remain up-to-date and that all the links work etc. Please check the versions on our website (members' section) to see the latest versions.

[View Practice development Notes](#)

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One Voice Wales Training Dates:

Training promotional video

[Watch here](#)

Councillors wishing to attend training modules please contact your clerk who will book you on to the relevant session.

[Click here to view dates](#)

JOBS

Vacancies within Community and Town Council Sector:

Vacancies:

As part of annual membership, One Voice Wales offers member Community and Town Councils the opportunity to advertise sector-

related vacancies, such as Clerks, Responsible Financial Officers, and other staff roles.

Further Information on vacancies

Welsh Government Jobs

If you are looking for a new career then a job in the Welsh Government is a great place to start.

A career in the Welsh Civil Service offers you:

- the opportunity to make a difference to people's lives in Wales
- learning on the job and good career development opportunities
- flexible working hours and comprehensive benefits

There are a number of different ways to join the Welsh civil service.

1. The [Welsh Government Anti-racist Wales Action Plan and Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for Public Appointments](#) sets out a vision and actions aimed at supporting delivery of this key Ministerial priority for Wales.

We are keen to work with our external partners to build a pipeline of individuals who are interested in applying for a board position.

To view the latest advertisements for public appointments in Wales, please visit:

[Appointment of Chair to Aneurin Bevan University Health Board - Welsh Government \(Cais\)](#)

Closing date for the above appointments is 21/11/2025 at 16:00.

2. [Appointment of a Chair - Social Care Wales - Welsh Government](#)

Closing date for the above appointments is 04/12/2025 at 23:55.

3. [Appointment of Members \(up to three\) to the Valuation Tribunal for Wales Governing Council -](#)

[Welsh Government](#)

**Closing date for the above appointments is
09/12/2025 at 16:00**

[Private Secretary x3 - Welsh Government](#)

[Private Secretary x3 - Welsh Essential - Welsh
Government](#)

[Administration support – Private Office & Cabinet
Secretariat x 4 - Welsh Government](#)

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[National Independent Safeguarding Board -
Appointment of Member - Welsh Government \(Cais\)](#)

**Closing date for the above appointments is
20/11/2025 at 16:00.**

[Appointment of Natural Resources Wales' Board
Members - Board Member and Chair of the Board's
Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee \(ARAC\) - Welsh
Government](#)

[Appointment of Natural Resources Wales' Board
Members - Board Member - Welsh Government](#)

**Closing date for the above appointments is
08/12/2025 at 16:00.**

Save the Date

**ONE VOICE WALES
AGM**

21st JANUARY 2026

**ONE VOICE WALES
NATIONAL
CONFERENCE AND
AWARDS**

1st JULY 2026

**ONE VOICE WALES
INNOVATIVE PRACTICE
CONFERENCE**

30th SEPTEMBER 2026

One Voice Wales Funded Projects Updates:

Cost of Living Crisis Project News:

Blaenavon Town Council Case Study

Join us at the Blaenavon Befriending Film Club, held monthly at the Workmen's Hall Cinema! Since its launch in 2022, this fantastic initiative offers free films and refreshments, promoting social connections and tackling loneliness, especially among older residents. With 20+ sessions and 50+ attendees per screening, the club has engaged 1,100 residents, creating a friendly space to connect, enjoy films, and support each other. Discover how this community project addresses social isolation and the cost of living crisis and the profound impact it has on people's lives.

[See the written case study here](#)

[Watch the case study video here](#)

Social Impact Assessment – Coming

One Voice Wales has commissioned a national Social Impact Assessment to better understand and evidence the vital role that community and town councils have played in supporting residents through the cost-of-living crisis. This independent research will explore the types of support councils have provided, who has benefitted, the challenges councils have faced, and where further support is needed.

The assessment will also look at the reach and impact of the One Voice Wales Cost of Living Crisis Project, including the tools, information, and collaboration opportunities provided to councils since 2023.

This is a key opportunity to raise the profile of the sector, influence Welsh Government, and make the case for future investment.

We'll be inviting all councils to take part in a short survey this autumn – your input will be essential to ensure your work is recognised. Please contact us at colc@onevoicewales.wales or follow us on One Voice Wales Cost Of Living Crisis Forum for more information.

Local Places for Nature Project :

Section 6 Workshops Thank you to everyone who has attended our Section 6 Workshops. They have proved very popular with almost 300 participants across 7 Workshops. The extra date was filled in just one day. We have one workshop remaining on the 13th November and this is now full. All Councils are asked to send a copy of their completed Section 6 Reports to us and include the URL link to their website where their report is published. Please send to:

Biodiversity@onevoicewales.wales

Following the last session all of the information from the workshops will be uploaded to our website. 2026 will be the start of the next reporting round for Section 6 and we will be running a series of workshops to help C&TCs prepare their Biodiversity Action Plans in the new year. More details to come soon...

You can find lots of information and advice on Section 6 on our [website](#).

Biodiversity packages Our Ten packages are open for applications; you can find out more here: [QVW Biodiversity Packages](#). We will be delivering the Bulb Packages over the next month, so please do get in touch with us asap to discuss an application. Biodiversity@onevoicewales.wales

[Civic.ly website](#)

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