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## Audit of the Electoral Reform Support Grant 2019/20 and 2020/21

We asked you in an email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July to complete a pro forma so we can audit the grant scheme.

Please could you submit this information to the Elections Team mailbox as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Have a query or a topic you'd like more information on? Let us know if there's something you'd like us to cover in the next newsletter.

Contact us at  
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## Consultation on the changes to Local Elections Rules in Wales

On 2 August, the Welsh Government launches a consultation on the draft Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and draft Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021.

These draft Rules make new provision and update, consolidate and re-state the law about the conduct of principal and community council elections. The draft Rules are also intended to make the law more accessible, particularly by using clearer language and, for the first time, will be written in both English and Welsh. Both sets of rules for Principal Areas and Communities are being remade in preparation for the local elections in Wales in 2022 and will be sent out for consultation shortly.

The consultation seeks the views of experts in electoral administration to help shape these important pieces of legislation and ensure the rules are workable from a practical perspective.

During the consultation period, we shall be holding a digital engagement event for stakeholders to discuss the draft rules in detail; invitations to the event will be issued nearer the time.

Following consultation, the final draft of the rules will be laid and considered by the Senedd with a view to their coming into force by the end of November 2021

The closing date for the consultation is 24 September. Details of how to respond are included in the consultation paper which will be sent to you directly from 2 August.