



LOCAL ELECTORAL REFORM ISSUES PAPER: SUBMISSION FORM

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Issue 1/

The public's understanding of local government and why it's important

01/ What should be done to improve understanding of local government and its value, and who should hold responsibility for this?

02/ What should be done, given the decline in local media, to increase visibility of local government work and local elections?

Issue 2/

Understanding candidates and their policies

o3/ How should voters receive better information on candidates and their policy positions and whose role should it be?

o4/ Is it important to improve candidate knowledge of local government, and if so, how should this be done?

Issue 3/

Administration and promotion of elections

o5/ Given the challenges outlined, what should be the future voting method (or methods) of voting in local elections, and why?

o6/ Should the voting method (or methods) be nationally consistent or decided locally, and why?

07/ What short-term improvements should be made to the postal voting system, until a permanent solution can be implemented?

Issue 4/

Administration and promotion of elections

o8/ Who should administer local elections, and why?

o9/ Who should be responsible for promoting local elections, and why?

Issue 5/

Four-year terms (including transition and implementation)

10/ Which of the three timing options, for a four-year term, do you prefer?

11/ How should councils' budget and planning cycles be adjusted to a four-year term?

12/ Do four-year terms for local councils require increased accountability mechanisms, and if so, which do you support?

Additional questions >

13/ Do you have any other ideas or options to improve participation in local elections?