



# 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

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

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**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

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

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**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

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

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**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

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**o8/** Who should administer local elections, and why?

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

# Issue 5/

Four-year terms (including transition and implementation)

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

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**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?



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# Additional questions >

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