

Framework Induction Curriculum for Candidates and New Members in Wales for the Local Elections 2022

This framework outlines the curriculum for the induction of members in Wales leading up to and following the local elections in 2022.

It sets out the suggested local and national activities to support potential and new members. It is not designed to be prescriptive as the needs of each Council and Councillor are different. It should however provide a guide for what should be considered when developing local programmes.

The Induction Framework has been developed by Local Authorities working with the WLGA. It has been designed to fit with the *Development Framework for Members*, a competency framework for members which provides more information about the subjects which should be covered in both induction and ongoing member development. It also fits with the *Wales Charter for Member Support and Development* and takes account of the legislative requirements for members including those set out in the Local Government (Wales) measure 2011 and the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

Following the delivery of an induction programme, further development for councillors should be informed by personal development review.

Councils will seek to procure and share learning opportunities with each other and with community and town councils wherever possible.

Methods of Delivery

Officers and members have identified what works best for new member induction. Suggestions include:

- **Less is more.** Although there is a lot of information to convey, learning activities should focus on the minimum amount of information at each stage, so that members do not become overloaded.
- **Member centred.** All development activities should be designed with the member role in mind and concentrate only on what members really need to know at that time. At induction level this might include the role of the member, what is important to the community and what information is required to take early decisions. Local and national policy and strategy can be introduced later, as and when necessary. Following induction members should, through personal development reviews be asked about their development needs.
- **Engaging and interactive.** Any development sessions for members should be as entertaining as possible, with plenty of opportunities for discussions and scenarios. The use of PowerPoint should be limited.
- **As and when.** Wherever possible members should be provided with learning opportunities at their convenience, at a time when it is needed and relevant and in a medium of their choice, combining face to face sessions with online, e learning or briefings.
- **Train the trainers.** Whenever possible, learning activities should be provided by a variety of different people including those with skills in learning and development. This may be achieved by providing training or guidance in training delivery to service heads, using the skills of council OD staff, having experienced members co-deliver training, or engaging professional trainers.

When	What	Audience	Delivery Method	Training materials available/needed?	Who organises/ delivers?
			Possible collaboration or shared workshop materials		
POTENTIAL CANDIDATES					
2020	WG Diversity in Democracy and Democratic Renewal Programme	Potential Candidates. Voters	Comms and media initiative encouraging understanding of the democratic process, voting, participation and standing for office.	Currently education resources available for newly enfranchised young people and qualifying foreign citizens on the Hub. Hwb (gov.wales)	WG with steering group including WLGA. LAs.
2019	WLGA be a Councillor information	Potential Candidates	Be a Councillor Website https://www.beacouncillo r.wales/	E learning, Councillor videos and pen portraits in production to be added to the website early 2021	WLGA
2018	IRP information	Potential Candidates	Website https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3o0eKrX2Ds&feature=youtu.be	no	IRP
2021 onwards	Council Information and promotion activities.	Potential Candidates	Open evenings, information sessions, mentoring and shadowing schemes.	no	All Councils
2019 onwards	National mentoring initiatives for people from underrepresented groups. Mentors will include serving councillors.	Potential Candidates	Through national organisations	Training for mentors from national organisations.	Currently, Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team Wales. Women's Equality Network Wales. Soon to develop in to a 4 way collaboration with

					Stonewall Cymru and Disability Wales 2021
Following elections	Local Mentoring schemes	New members	By experienced members	Training sessions in mentoring available from the WLGA	Councils
NEW MEMBERS					
Week One	General introduction to the role and local government. WLGA Councillors Guide.	Signposted to all Members on election.	Online Guide, developed from Be a Councillor Website.		WLGA
Week One	Orientation (Council offices and County facilities, access and security.	All members	Tour	Information/ maps etc. as part of introductory package produced in each authority.	Councils
Week One	Introduction to the Council, and local Corporate Governance, how decisions are taken, structures and meetings working with officers, working with the community and other bodies, joint arrangements.	All members (M)	Workshop/webinar Chief Executive, Head of DS. Leader	To be developed by staff locally. E learning in production.	Councils and Merthyr Tydfil/WLGA/NHS. All Wales Academi e learning module corporate governance.
Week one	ICT induction including for remote working and issue of equipment	All members (M)	Workshop and individual sessions.	Session and guidance to be developed by staff locally	Councils
Week one	Code of Conduct and Ethics including civility and respect	All members(M)	Workshop/webinar Monitoring Officer.	E learning in production	Councils and AWA (e-learning) Carmarthenshire Ethics, standards and code of conduct
Week one	General meeting Participation Rules of engagement, multi-location meetings, etiquette, broadcasting.	All members(M)	Workshop/dry runs HODS/DS officers/Digital staff/Lead Member	Locally produced materials	Councils
1 st 2 months	“Market Place” Introduction to service areas	All members	Market place, all senior officers with “stalls” sharing key policy info.	Delivery materials not required – basic information to be included in introductory package, who’s who etc.	Councils

1 st 2 Months	Introduction to Equalities and Diversity including personal awareness and behaviour.	All members(M)	Workshop /webinar Equalities Officers, Lead Member.	e- learning in production	Councils and AWA (E-learning) Denbighshire
1 st 2 Months	Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.	All members(M)	Workshop/webinar - Directors of Education/SS	e- learning in production	Councils and AWA (E-learning) Pembrokeshire
1 st 2 Months	Personal safety and self-care Stress management, personal resilience, work-life balance. Bullying and harassment, online abuse. Sources of help and support within and beyond the Council.	All Members (M)	Local Workshop/Webinar MOs, HODS, Health and Safety and Digital officers. Senior members	Guidance notes and signposting for some topics available now from WLGA website	Councils and AWA (e-learning) Time and workload management Wrexham. Managing stress and coping with bullying and harassment Blaenau Gwent.
1 st 2 Months	Community Leadership and Casework	All members (M)	Workshop/Webinar Senior member with HODS. e- learning. External facilitators.	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (e-learning) Conwy
Prior to first meeting of committee	Planning. Local planning and development management	Planning Committee(M)	Workshop/Webinar Planning Officer	e- learning in production	Councils and AWA (E learning) Bridgend
Prior to first meeting of committee	Standards. Responsibilities of the committee and the standards regime.	Standards Committee(M)	Workshop/Webinar Monitoring Officer		
Prior to first meeting of committee	Licensing. Responsibilities of the committee and licensing law.	Licensing Committee(M)	Workshop/Webinar Licensing Officer	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (e learning) Powys)
Prior to first meeting of committee	Governance and Audit	Governance and Audit Committee(M)	Local Workshop/Webinar Finance and HODS Officer.	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (e learning) Audit and Risk Isle of Anglesey
Prior to participating	Appointments, appeals and interview skills	Panel members(M)	Local Workshop/Webinar HR Director		Councils

Prior to first scrutiny meetings	The role of Scrutiny and how to be an effective scrutiny member	All members(M)	Workshop/Webinar HODS/Scrutiny officers Or external provider	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (E-learning) Monmouthshire and WLGA
Prior to chairing first meeting	Chairing Skills (meeting management)	All chairs (M)	Workshop/webinar DS Leads/External facilitators	E learning available on AWA	Councils commissioned external facilitators AWA (E-learning) Cardiff
Prior to chairing first scrutiny meeting	Scrutiny chairing (committee and meeting management)	All Scrutiny Chairs (M)	Workshop/Webinar Scrutiny leads/ External facilitators		Councils and commissioned external facilitators
1 st 6 Months	Data Management and FOI including GDPR	All members(M)	Workshop/Webinar – DP officers	e- learning in production	Councils and AWA (E-learning) Caerphilly
1 st 6 Months	Corporate Parenting	All members(M)	Workshop/webinar Directors of SS	e- learning in production	Councils and AWA (E learning) Flintshire
1 st 6 Months	Finance including budgeting and treasury management	All members(M)	Local practical Workshop/webinar with local data. Finance Directors	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (E eLearning) Torfaen
1 st 6 Months	Operating within the Welsh Language Act and Local Standards	All Members (M)	Local workshop/webinar Briefing from Welsh Language Leads	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (e-learning) Gwynedd
1 st 6 Months	Violence against Women and Domestic Violence	All Members (M)	National/local Workshop/webinar from lead officers and/or Welsh Government	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (e-learning) Rhondda Cynon Taff
1 st 6 months	Planning for non-planning members – protocols	All members (M)	Local workshop/webinar Planning officers/experienced member	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (e-learning) Bridgend

2 nd 6 Months	New Cabinet Development. Team building, developing a political vision, working with officers, working with Scrutiny.	Cabinet	External facilitators. Academi Wales.	Materials from external facilitators.	Councils and commissioned external facilitators.
2 nd 6 Months and ongoing.	Policy, services and legislative requirements updates	Relevant committees	Heads of Service	By local staff as and when necessary WG/WLGA briefings when available	Councils
2 nd 6 Months	Effective Scrutiny and individual scrutiny skills. Collaborative scrutiny and scrutiny of joint arrangements.	All Scrutiny Members	Workshop/Webinar Scrutiny lead officers and members External facilitators		Councils and commissioned external facilitators
2 nd 6 Months	The role of members in relation to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act	All members (M)	Local Workshop - Directors of SS and Lead Member.	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (E-learning) Newport
2 nd 6 months	Using Social Media	All Members	Hands on Workshop Comms and DS staff Local SM strategies Or External facilitators	e- learning in production	Councils and AWA (e-learning) Swansea
2 nd 6 months	Public Speaking and working with the media	All Members	Comms and DS officers . External facilitators	e-learning in production	Councils and AWA (e-learning Wrexham)
2 nd 6 months	The role of members in relation to the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act	All Members(M)	Workshop/Webinar - Appropriate senior officers and Lead Member.	e- learning in production	Councils and AWA (E-learning) Ceredigion

Note:

(M) = Mandatory AWA <https://learning.wales.nhs.uk/>

Section of AWA to load and view e learning modules here <https://learning.wales.nhs.uk/course/view.php?id=313>