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In [Bulletin 311](#) we highlighted that further work was being undertaken to finalise updates to Part C of our core guidance and associated resources to reflect the new provisions for local elections in Wales contained in The Local Elections (Principal Areas)(Wales) Rules 2021 and The Local Elections (Communities)(Wales) Rules 2021 which were made on 14 December.

Following consultation with the Wales Electoral Coordination Board (WECB), Wales Electoral Practitioners Working Group (WEPWG), Welsh Government and the AEA, we have now finalised and published this guidance, which you can access [here](#).

The most significant updates relate to the nominations process to support the electronic submission of nominations and the requirement for candidates to provide a statement of party membership. Alongside this, we have also produced a new resource to support your [planning for the management of electronic nominations](#) and updated our template [notice of election](#), which now reflects the need to include an electronic delivery statement.

Our guidance for candidates and agents, [for principal area](#) and [community council](#) polls, has also been updated in line with the new rules.

The new election rules apply to polls from 5 May 2022. Please contact infowales@electoralcommission.org.uk if there are any by-elections in your area before that date and you require access to the previous versions of the guidance or any forms.

We are continuing to work with Public Health Wales, Welsh Government and others across the electoral community to ensure our guidance – including the polling station handbook for 2022, which is still being developed - remains appropriate to support you with the successful delivery of the May 2022 polls as the public health situation continues to evolve. We will keep you updated as this progresses through future Bulletins.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this further, please contact infowales@electoralcommission.org.uk

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