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In [Bulletin 312](#) we highlighted the publication of 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.

Further legislation which will impact on the May polls has now also been laid - The Local Elections (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments)(Wales) Regulations 2022 – and we understand that these regulations will come into force from early March and will apply to all polls taking place on or after 5 May. We will confirm in a future Bulletin when this legislation has been made.

We have now updated and made available an updated version of Part C of the core [guidance for Returning Officers](#) and parts 2a, 2b and 5 of the core guidance for [candidates and agents](#) which reflect these changes. The change log at the start of Part C highlights the amendments that have been required. We have now also published [nomination packs](#) for the local elections, which includes a new notification of appointment of election agent form as required by this new legislation.

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

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