**Survey Post Elections for Town and Parish Councils, Shropshire 2025**

Dear Town/Parish Councils,

Firstly, may we extend our thanks to the Clerks for your assistance during the recent elections. Thank you also to those who have given us feedback on the process.

We know the Elections Team are committed to enhancing the election process and already several areas have been identified for investigation to improve future elections.

SALC would therefore be grateful if you could spare some time to complete this short survey.  We do of course recognise that legislation restricts what can be done in some areas. However, your feedback could provide an invaluable insight into areas that may not have previously been considered and will help us work collaboratively with the Elections Team to identify areas for improvement and ensure future election processes are as smooth and effective as possible.

Once responses are collated, we will arrange a face-to-face meeting with the Elections Team to discuss the findings and hear directly from them about lessons learned. We will then share a summary briefing with Clerks across the county.

We would much appreciate your response to alc@shropshire.gov.uk by Monday 14 July 2025.

Thank you again for your time and valuable input.

Best Wishes

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**Survey Questions**

*Please complete by deleting as required in bold below with any explanations. Questions are all optional as is the name of your Council.*

**Q1: Nomination Process**

* How clear and accessible did you find the guidance provided for completing nomination forms? ***Clear / Not Clear***
* Were there any issues with the receipt or submission of nomination papers in your area? ***Yes / No / Not sure (If yes, please explain below)***

**Q2: Election Expenses**

* Was the process for submitting election expense returns clearly explained? ***Yes / No***
* Were there any difficulties or confusion regarding expense reporting?

***Yes / No / Not sure (If yes, please explain below)***

**Q3: Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)**

* Was sufficient guidance provided on completing and submitting DPIs?***Yes / No***

Were there any challenges or delays in this part of the process? ***Yes / No / Not sure (If yes, please explain below)***

**Q4: Co-option Advice**

* Did you receive adequate support or guidance on co-option procedures? ***Yes / No***

Are there any improvements you would suggest in this area? ***Yes / No / Not sure (If yes, please explain below)***

**Q5: Communication and Support**

* How would you rate the overall communication from the Elections Team? ***Very good / Good / Neither good nor poor / Poor / Very poor***
* Were your queries and concerns addressed in a timely and helpful manner? ***Yes / No***
* If you wish to comment or make suggestions, please state below.

**Q6: General Feedback**

* What aspects of the election process worked well?
* What areas do you feel need improvement?
* Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?

**Q7: Name of your Council …………………………………………………………….**

*Many thanks for completing our survey.*