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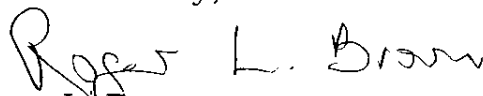
Local Government & Public Services Committee
(Electoral Arrangements)
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Dear Sirs,

I respond to your request for submissions about electoral arrangements as a town councillor for the Town of Welshpool. I do not propose to answer every question, but only the ones I feel able to answer.

- 1. Registration should remain voluntary.
- 3. Yes, to prevent fraud personal identification should be produced before a person is able to vote.
- 6. If we had a decent postal service
- 7. I feel electronic voting should be used, possibly using a computer terminal, but it needs to be simple and people available to provide an explanation. The benefit would be that counting would be easier and less liable to human error.
- 8. Yes, alternative venues should be used.
- 9. Young people don't vote as they feel excluded from government.
- 10. Hardly.
- 11. Yes, provided there is an equality of treatment. It could be done via mock elections.
- 12. Yes, subject to the young people being able to question.
- 14. A mobile ballot box seems a good idea.
- 17. As above.
- 18. Yes.
- 21. Not always.

Yours sincerely,



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