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Divisions (Question 1 to 5):

1) no

2) remove the divisions , as under the current system the division councillor has all the responsibility but no say . For example if the councillor has a need for community work in his/her division the councillors view can be overturned by other councillors for mere political or petty personal reasons.

3) no

4) no, no more divisions

5) getting rid of the divisions makes the entire council responsible for their usual stuffups. No more will they be able to dodge the blame by saying it was not in my division.

Conduct of elections (Question 6 and 7):

6) the electoral commission should run the election , to easy to corrupt the local lads . Union elections for instance are overseen by the electoral commission for the same reason

7) yes , if the council is deadlocked and cannot manage efficiently , then the minister must apply to the court for dismissal and a new election , no more dodgy administrators !!!

Conduct of elections (Question 8 and 9):

8) yes

9)

Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 10 to 15):

10) no , the mayor should be elected by the councillors , same as the prime minister , its not perfect but it gets rid of the lame duck mayors

11) no, a mayor can be elected and be outvoted at every turn by party political councillors . The only ones who want the job are the crooks who see a way to make a fast buck

12) yes

13) yes, they are there to represent the constituents if they move they should resign

14) no

15) yes

Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 16 to 19):

16) no, all campaign funds to be disclosed . This is a very corrupt area and leads to big money picking the council

17) all before , after is to late for the voter

18) yes

19) no

Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 20 to 24):

20) no

21) yes

22) the same as in commonwealth and state

23) yes

24) no , as the voters decision will have immediate effect on their city, its appropriate that information be available up to polling day

Voting (Question 25):

25) yes

Voting (Questions 26 to 30):

26) yes

27) yes, for large areas that are difficult for voters to travel

28) no

29) the restriction does effect people , as the may have to be travelling for work or family reasons.

30) yes absent voting should be allowed, but unrestricted, electronic voting could be used in this case

Voting (Questions 31 to 35):

31) no, too easy to corrupt

32) no

33) no

34) no , one person one vote

35) don,t use it , the whole idea is a money grabbing scheme for local councils to charge non- resident property owners higher rates.

Voting systems (Questions 36 to 38):

36) first past the post

37) keep it simple , first past the post , takes away the preference deals .

38) undivide councils and first past the post voting . If it becomes a stuffup you can always blame anna and democracy

Other (Question 39):

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