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PART 3

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 2

AREA REVIEWS

Principal areas

23 Review of principal area boundaries

- (1) The Commission may, of its own initiative or at the request of a local authority, conduct a review of one or more principal areas.
- (2) But the Commission must not conduct a review under subsection (1) at the request of a local authority if it considers that doing so would impede the proper exercise of its functions.
- (3) The changes that the Commission may recommend in relation to a review under this section are—
 - (a) such principal area boundary changes as it considers appropriate, and
 - (b) in consequence of any principal area boundary changes such community boundary changes, preserved county changes, community council changes or electoral arrangements changes as it considers appropriate.
- (4) For the purposes of this Part—
 - (a) a reference to a “community boundary change” is a reference to—
 - (i) altering the boundary of a community;

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- (ii) abolishing a community;
 - (iii) constituting a new community;
- (b) a reference to “community council change” is a reference to—
 - (i) constituting a council for a community or a common council for a group of communities;
 - (ii) dissolving a community council (separate or common);
 - (iii) separating a community from a group of communities having a common community council;
 - (iv) adding a community to a group of communities having a common community council;
- (c) a reference to an “electoral arrangements change” is a reference to a change to the electoral arrangements for any local government area;
- (d) a reference to a “preserved county change” is a reference to a change to the area of a preserved county;
- (e) a reference to a “principal area boundary change” is a reference to—
 - (i) altering the boundary of a principal area;
 - (ii) abolishing a principal area;
 - (iii) constituting a new principal area.

24 Review of principal areas following new town order

- (1) This section applies where, under section 1 of the [New Towns Act 1981 \(c. 64\)](#) (designation of areas of land for new towns)—
 - (a) the Welsh Ministers have made an order which designates any area of land as the site of a new town, and
 - (b) the area of the new town so designated is not wholly comprised within a principal area.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of operation of the order, give notice to the Commission specifying the principal areas affected by the order.
- (3) The Commission must, on receipt of a notice under subsection (2), conduct a review under section 23 of any principal areas specified in the notice.