



# Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013

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## PART 3

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### CHAPTER 7

##### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

#### **48 Directions and guidance relating to Part 3**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may give the Commission directions relating to the exercise of its functions under this Part.
- (2) In particular, the Welsh Ministers may direct the Commission—
  - (a) to conduct a review under this Part (including, where the Commission has made recommendations or proposals to them, further reviews),
  - (b) not to conduct a review under section 28 during a period specified in the direction,
  - (c) to conduct a review under section 29 for a new local government area (within the meaning of section 171 of the 2011 Measure) as if it were a local government area,
  - (d) to conduct the reviews required under section 29(1) in a different order from that proposed by the Commission in any current programme for electoral arrangements reviews prepared in accordance that section,
  - (e) to have regard to such particular matters as may be specified in the direction when conducting a review.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not limit the general power of direction under section 14.

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- (4) The Welsh Ministers may give a principal council directions relating to the exercise of its functions under this Part.
- (5) In particular, the Welsh Ministers may direct a principal council to—
  - (a) conduct a review under section 25 or 31,
  - (b) have regard to such particular matters as may be specified in the direction when conducting a review.
- (6) A principal council must comply with a direction given by the Welsh Ministers under subsection (4).
- (7) Directions under this section may relate to a particular review, a type of review or to all reviews.
- (8) But before making a direction under this section relating to the review of a principal area or its electoral arrangements (or reviews of principal areas or their electoral arrangements generally), the Welsh Ministers must consult the Commission and any association appearing to them to be representative of local authorities.
- (9) In exercising any function under this Part, the Commission or a principal council must have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers.