



# Local Government (Wales) Act 2015

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## *Voluntary mergers of local authorities*

### **4 Consultation before making merger application**

- (1) Before an application is made by principal local authorities under section 3(1) the principal local authorities must consult—
- (a) members of the public in any principal area likely to be affected by the proposal for merger (an “affected area”),
  - (b) the principal local authorities for affected areas and councils for communities in any affected area,
  - (c) the National Park authority for any area falling wholly or partly within any affected area,
  - (d) the chief officer of police and the police and crime commissioner for any police area falling wholly or partly within any affected area,
  - (e) the fire and rescue authority for any area falling wholly or partly within any affected area,
  - (f) the local health board for any area falling wholly or partly within any affected area,
  - (g) every trade union which is recognised (within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992) by one or more of the principal local authorities, and
  - (h) any other persons which the principal local authorities consider appropriate.
- (2) Subsection (1) must be satisfied in relation to an application made before the coming into force of this section (as well as to one made afterwards); and any consultation undertaken before the coming into force of this section may satisfy the requirements of that subsection.