



# Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013

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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;
  - F1(ii) . . . . .
  - F2(iii) . . . . .

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 23(4)(e)(ii) omitted (21.1.2021) by virtue of [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), **ss. 150(2)(a)**, 175(1)(f)(2)
- F2** S. 23(4)(e)(iii) omitted (21.1.2021) by virtue of [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), **ss. 150(2)(a)**, 175(1)(f)(2)

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