# LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

### Part 2 - Family Absence for members of local authorities

#### Section 25 – Newborn absence

43. Entitles a councillor to up to two weeks absence for a councillor who satisfies conditions in relation to "newborn absence". The absence must be taken within a period of 56 days beginning with the birth of a child with which the councillor has a relationship as set down in prescribed conditions. The section provides for the details relating to newborn absence to be set out in regulations, thereby allowing the Welsh Ministers to respond to and reflect any changes made in the wider employment regime.