

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 - Family Absence for members of local authorities

Section 27 – New adoption absence

45. This section entitles a councillor to a period of absence where that councillor is the partner of a person who is to adopt a child. New adoption absence is available to a person for the purpose of caring for a child who is adopted or supporting the person who is to adopt the child. Regulations are to set out the conditions that a person must satisfy about his or her relationship with a person who is to adopt a child and his or her relationship with the child that is to be placed for adoption in order to qualify for new adoption absence. The period of absence is to be up to two weeks. The section provides for the details relating to new adoption 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.