



Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

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PART 5

LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNCTIONS: DISCHARGE BY COMMITTEES AND COUNCILLORS

Exercise of functions by councillors

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- (1) The senior executive member of a local authority may make arrangements for a non-executive member of the authority to exercise a function of the local authority which is the responsibility of the executive.
- (2) A local authority may make arrangements for a non-executive member of the authority to exercise any other function of the authority.
- (3) Arrangements under this section may only provide for a non-executive member (N) to exercise functions—
 - (a) in relation to the electoral [F1ward] for which N is elected, or
 - (b) in relation to N's official membership of a body other than the local authority.
- (4) No arrangements may be made under this section for the exercise of a function—
 - (a) if, or to the extent that, it is specified in an order made by the Welsh Ministers, or
 - (b) in a manner, or in circumstances, specified in an order made by the Welsh Ministers.
- (5) Arrangements made under this section for the exercise of a function do not prevent the ordinary exercise of the function.
- (6) In making arrangements under this section, the senior executive member, or local authority, must have regard to guidance given by the Welsh Ministers.
- (7) In this section—

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- (a) a reference to the exercise of a function includes a reference to the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the function;
 - (b) a reference to a function which is the responsibility of the executive of a local authority is to be construed in accordance with section 13(8) of the Local Government Act 2000;
 - (c) a reference to N's official membership of a body is a reference to membership of the body which N holds by virtue of—
 - (i) a local authority appointment,
 - (ii) an appointment, other than a local authority appointment, made on a local authority nomination or recommendation or with local authority approval, or
 - (iii) an appointment, other than a local authority appointment, made in compliance with a requirement to appoint a member of a local authority;
 - (d) a reference (in relation to N) to a local authority appointment, nomination or recommendation, or local authority approval, is a reference to an appointment, nomination or recommendation made by, or approval given by—
 - (i) the local authority of which N is a member, or
 - (ii) the executive of that local authority;
 - (e) a reference to the ordinary exercise of a function is a reference to its exercise by the person or persons by whom it is exercisable in the absence of arrangements made under this section.
- (8) References in this section to a local authority are references to a local authority which operates executive arrangements.
- (9) In this section—
- “non-executive member” (“*aelod nad yw'n aelod gweithrediaeth*”) means a member of a local authority who is not a member of the executive of the authority;
 - “senior executive member” (“*aelod gweithrediaeth hŷn*”) means—
 - (a) in the case of a local authority operating a leader and cabinet executive (Wales), the executive leader;
 - (b) in the case of a local authority operating a mayor and cabinet executive, the elected mayor.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 56(3)(a) substituted (20.3.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(3)(f), [Sch. 2 para. 14\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 56 in force at 30.4.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1187](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)

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