



2014 CHAPTER 8

PART 5

PERMITTED FORMS OF GOVERNANCE

Power to prescribe additional permitted governance arrangements

20.—(1) Regulations may make provision prescribing arrangements that councils may operate for and in connection with the discharge of their functions.

(2) In particular, the regulations—

(a) must include provision about how, and by whom, the functions of a council are to be discharged, and

(b) may include provision enabling functions to be delegated.

(3) Regulations under this section may, in particular, include provision which applies or reproduces (with or without modifications) any provisions of, or any provision made under, Part 6.

(4) In considering whether or how to exercise the power in this section, the Department must have regard to any proposals made under subsection (5).

(5) A council may propose to the Department that the Department make regulations prescribing arrangements specified in the proposal if the council considers that the conditions in subsection (6) are met.

(6) The conditions are—

(a) that the operation by the council of the proposed arrangements would be an improvement on the arrangements which the council has in place for the discharge of its functions at the time that the proposal is made to the Department;

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- (b) that the operation by the council of the proposed arrangements would be likely to ensure that the decisions of the council are taken in an efficient, transparent and accountable way; and
 - (c) that the arrangements, if prescribed under this section, would be appropriate for all councils to consider.
- (7) A proposal under subsection (5)—
- (a) must describe the provision which the council considers should be made under subsection (2) in relation to the proposed arrangements; and
 - (b) explain why the conditions in subsection (6) are met in relation to the proposed arrangements.

Commencement Information

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