



# Local Government Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 22

### PART III

#### CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

### CHAPTER I

#### CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

##### *Standards committees*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>56B Annual reports by standards committees**

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, a standards committee of a relevant authority must make an annual report to the authority in respect of that year.
- (2) The annual report must describe how the committee's functions have been discharged during the financial year.
- (3) In particular, the report must include a summary of—
  - (a) what has been done to discharge the general and specific functions conferred on the committee by section 54 or 56;
  - (b) reports and recommendations made or referred to the committee under Chapter 3 of this Part;
  - (c) action taken by the committee following its consideration of such reports and recommendations;
  - (d) notices given to the committee under Chapter 4 of this Part.
- (4) An annual report by a standards committee of a county council or county borough council in Wales must include the committee's assessment of the extent to which leaders of political groups on the council have complied with their duties under section 52A(1) during the financial year.

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- (5) An annual report by a standards committee of a relevant authority may include recommendations to the authority about any matter in respect of which the committee has functions.
- (6) A relevant authority must consider each annual report made by its standards committee before the end of 3 months beginning with the day on which the authority receives the report.
- (7) The function of considering the report may be discharged only by the relevant authority (and accordingly is not a function to which section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 [<sup>F2</sup>or, in the case of a relevant authority which is a corporate joint committee, regulation 13 of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (arrangements for discharge of functions)] applies).
- (8) In this section “financial year” means a period of 12 months ending with 31 March.]

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 56B inserted (5.5.2022) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), ss. **63(1)**, 175(7); S.I. 2021/231, art. 6(m)
- F2** Words in s. 56B(7) inserted (6.5.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/372\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(8)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 21(2ZA) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(3\)](#)
- s. 21(13)(c) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 21(15A) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(6\)](#)
- s. 21(18) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(7\)](#)
- s. 21C(6)(aa)(ab) inserted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 5 para. 97\(a\)](#)