

*These notes refer to the Commons Act 2006 (c.26)
which received Royal Assent on 19 July 2006*

COMMONS ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Management

Status and constitution of commons councils

Section 29 Constitution

159. *Section 29* requires the appropriate national authority to prescribe by regulations standard terms for use in the constitution of a commons council. The standard terms will apply to all commons councils (subject to subsections (3) and (4)). It is intended the terms will include provision about, for example, the terms for which council members are appointed, and financial reporting requirements.
160. Under *subsections (3) and (4)* the appropriate national authority may, in an order made under section 26, specify additional constitutional terms for a council and, if necessary, disapply any terms of the standard constitution, or replace them with alternatives more suited to local circumstances. This ensures that an order made under section 26 has the flexibility to take account of differences in local circumstances. It is expected that certain elements contained in the standard terms will vary between individual commons councils, for example, those relating to whose interests will be represented on the council and the frequency of meetings.