### WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2017 No. 460

# The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

#### Amendment of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2006

**2.**—(1) The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2006(1) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2, in the definition of " relevant authority", after "means" insert, "(subject to regulation 4A)";

(3) After regulation 4 insert—

#### "Standing orders relating to local planning authorities

**4A.**—(1) In this regulation—

"committee" ("*pwyllgor*") means a committee of a relevant authority by which a relevant function is to be discharged and includes a sub-committee;

"relevant authority" ("*awdurdod perthnasol*") means a local planning authority in Wales which is—

- (a) a county council or county borough council;
- (b) a joint planning board(2); or
- (c) a National Park authority(**3**);

"relevant function" ("*swyddogaeth berthnasol*") has the meaning given by section 319ZD of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990(4).

(2) No later than the first ordinary meeting of the relevant authority falling after 5 May 2017, the relevant authority must, in respect of the matters mentioned in paragraph (3)—

- (a) make standing orders incorporating the provisions set out in Schedule 2A, or provisions to like effect; and
- (b) modify any of their existing standing orders so far as it is necessary to do so to conform with those provisions.
- (3) The matters referred to in paragraph (2) are—
  - (a) quorum for a meeting of a committee;
  - (b) membership of a committee".

(4) After Schedule 2, insert —

<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 2006/1275 (W. 121).

<sup>(2)</sup> A joint planning board may be constituted for an area in Wales by order under section 2(1B) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8).

<sup>(3)</sup> See section 4A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. National Park authorities are the sole local planning authority for the area of the Park.

<sup>(4) 1990</sup> c. 8. Section 319ZD was inserted by section 39(1) of the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 4).

#### "SCHEDULE 2A

regulation 4A

#### Standing orders relating to local planning authorities

#### Quorum

**1.** No business is to be transacted at a meeting of a committee unless at least half of the total number of members of the committee, rounded to the nearest whole number, is present.

#### Substitute members

**2.** A relevant authority is not to appoint another of their members to act as a member of a committee in the absence of the member appointed in accordance with the Size and Composition of Local Planning Authority Committees (Wales) Regulations 2017(**5**)."