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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 356**

**The Local Government and Elections (Wales)  
Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments and  
Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2021**

**PART 2**

Amendments to primary legislation

**Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004**

- 2.—(1) The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004(1) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 24(2) (consideration of reports in public interest)—
- (a) in subsection (5)(b)—
- (i) in the words before sub-paragraph (i), for “section 100B(2)”(3) substitute “section 100BA(2)”(4);
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (i), for “open to inspection under section 100B1”(5) substitute “published under section 100BA(1)”;
- (iii) in sub-paragraph (ii) for “section 100B(7)” substitute “section 100BA(9)”;
- (b) in subsection (7), for “section 100C(1)(d)”(6) substitute “section 100C(1B)(d)”(7).
- (3) In section 26(8) (publicity for meetings under section 25)—
- (a) in subsection (3)—
- (i) in paragraph (a) insert at the end “(but where the meeting is to be held by a body mentioned in subsection (3A) through remote means only, there is no need for the notice to state the place of the meeting)”;
- (ii) after paragraph (a) insert—

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(1) 2004 c. 23.

(2) There are amendments to section 24 which are not relevant to these Regulations. Section 24 was temporarily modified, in relation to meetings of authorities held between 22 April 2020 and the end of 30 April 2021, by paragraph 3(a) of the Schedule to the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/442 (W. 100)). That Schedule was inserted into S.I. 2020/442 (W. 100) by S.I. 2020/653 (W. 150).

(3) Part 5A of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) (“the 1972 Act”) was inserted by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (c. 43), section 1. Section 100B of the 1972 Act was temporarily modified, in relation to meetings of authorities held between 22 April 2020 and the end of 30 April 2021, by S.I. 2020/442 (W. 100), paragraph 21(3).

(4) Section 100BA was inserted into Part 5A of the 1972 Act by the 2021 Act, Schedule 4, paragraph 6(2).

(5) Section 100B(1) was amended by the 2021 Act, Schedule 4, paragraph 6(2).

(6) Section 100C was temporarily modified, in relation to meetings of authorities held between 22 April 2020 and the end of 30 April 2021, by S.I. 2020/442 (W. 100), regulation 21(4). Section 100C(1) was amended by the 2021 Act, Schedule 4, paragraph 8(2).

(7) Section 100C(1B)(d) was inserted into the 1972 Act by the 2021 Act, Schedule 4, paragraph 8(3).

(8) Section 26 was temporarily modified, in relation to meetings of authorities held between 22 April 2020 and the end of 30 April 2021, by paragraph 3(b) of the Schedule to S.I. 2020/442 (W. 100).

“(aa) in the case of a meeting held through remote means by a body mentioned in subsection (3A), also gives details of how to access the meeting;”;

(b) after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) The bodies referred to in subsection (3)(a) and (aa) are—

- (a) a local authority in Wales;
- (b) a committee of a local authority in Wales (including a joint committee of two or more local authorities in Wales);
- (c) a National Park authority for a National Park in Wales;
- (d) a fire and rescue authority in Wales constituted by a scheme under section 2 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (c. 21)(9) or a scheme to which section 4 of that Act applies.

(3B) In subsection (3)(a) and (aa) the references to a meeting of a body held through remote means are to a meeting held by means of equipment or other facility which enables persons who are not in the same place to speak to and be heard by each other (whether or not the equipment or facility enables those persons to see and be seen by each other).”

(c) in subsection (6)—

- (i) after “availability for inspection” insert “and publication”;
- (ii) after “are” insert “published electronically or”.