



# Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013

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## PART 5

### OTHER CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

VALID FROM 01/05/2015

#### *Access to information*

#### **55 Community council websites**

- (1) A community council must make available electronically—
- (a) information on how to contact it and, if different, its clerk including—
    - (i) a telephone number;
    - (ii) a postal address;
    - (iii) an email address;
  - (b) information about each of its members, including—
    - (i) the member's name;
    - (ii) how the member may be contacted;
    - (iii) the member's party affiliation (if any);
    - (iv) the ward which the member represents (where relevant);
    - (v) any office of the council held by the member;
    - (vi) any committee of the council to which the member belongs;
  - (c) the minutes of the proceedings of the council's meetings and (in so far as is reasonably practicable) any documents which are referred to in the minutes;
  - (d) any audited statement of the council's accounts.

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- (2) Nothing in this section authorises or requires a community council to make available any information that it is prevented from disclosing under any enactment.
- (3) In carrying out its duties under subsection (1), a community council must have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers.
- (4) The requirement to make available the information listed in subsection (1)(c) and (d) relates only to information produced on or after the coming into force of this section.

## **56 Requirement to give public notices electronically**

In section 232 of the 1972 Act (public notices), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1ZA) A public notice given by a community council must, in addition to the requirements imposed by subsection (1), be published electronically.”.

## **57 Meetings and proceedings of communities**

In Schedule 12 to the 1972 Act (meetings and proceedings of local authorities)—

- (a) in paragraph 26(2)—
  - (i) in paragraph (a), after “be” where it first occurs insert “ published electronically and ”,
  - (ii) after paragraph (a) insert—
    - “(aa) any documents relating to the business to be transacted at the meeting must be published electronically (in so far as reasonably practicable),”
- (b) after paragraph 26(2) insert—
  - “(2A) The duty of a community council under sub-paragraph (2)(aa) to publish documents relating to the meeting does not apply where—
    - (a) the documents relate to business which in the opinion of the council is likely to be transacted in private, or
    - (b) the disclosure of such documents would be contrary to any enactment.”
- (c) in paragraph 30B—
  - (i) for sub-paragraph (3) substitute—
    - “(3) The notice must be given—
      - (a) in writing (but not in an electronic form), or
      - (b) in an electronic form which meets the technical requirements set by the principal council under paragraph 30C.”
    - (ii) in sub-paragraph (7), after “principal council” insert ”or community council”
    - (iii) also in sub-paragraph (7), for “council” where it second occurs substitute “ principal council ”
  - (d) in paragraph 30C—
    - (i) for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—

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- “(1) For the purposes of paragraph 30B(1), each community council and principal council must provide a facility for notices to be given in electronic form (“electronic notices”).”,
- (ii) in sub-paragraph (2), for “The council must set” insert “ A principal council must set for its area ”,
- (e) in paragraph 30E(7), after paragraph (a) insert—
- “(aa) by publishing the notice electronically, and”.

#### Commencement Information

**II** S. 57 in force at 1.5.2015 by [S.I. 2015/1182](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

### 58 Registers of members' interests

- (1) Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 (c.22) (disclosure and registration of members' interests) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (6)—
- (a) the words from “copies” to the end become paragraph (a), and
- (b) after that paragraph, insert—
- “(b) the register mentioned in paragraph (a) is published electronically.”.
- (3) In subsection (7), after paragraph (a)(ii), insert—
- “(iii) states that the register is available to be viewed electronically, and
- (iv) specifies how to access the electronic version,”.
- (4) After subsection (7), insert—
- “(7A) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) section 83(13) does not apply, and
- (b) in relation to a relevant authority which is a community council, the references in this section to a monitoring officer are to be read as references to the proper officer of that council (within the meaning of section 270(3) of the Local Government Act 1972).”.

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