

*These notes refer to the Planning (Wales) Act 2015  
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 6 July 2015*

# PLANNING (WALES) ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 3 Development Planning**

##### ***Section 15 – Joint planning boards: functions relating to surveys and Local Development Plans***

62. The Welsh Ministers currently have power under section 2(1B) of the TCPA 1990 to establish a joint planning board as the local planning authority for a united district comprising two or more areas each of which is the whole or part of a Welsh county or county borough.
63. **Section 15** amends the definition of “local planning authority” in section 78 of the PCPA 2004 to include a joint planning board. The effect of the amendment is to enable a joint planning board to prepare a local development plan and act as a charging authority for the purposes of the community infrastructure levy for its district. (For the community infrastructure levy, see Part 11 of the Planning Act 2008.)
64. This section also amends section 62 of the PCPA 2004 to require a joint planning board to have regard to the local well-being plan(s) for its area when preparing a local development plan. (For local well-being plans, see section 39 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.)
65. **Section 41** of the Act enables the Welsh Ministers to make changes to the power to establish joint planning boards, see paragraphs **161** to **163** below.