

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) ACT 2015

---

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Section 26 – Reports of Panel*

57. [Section 26](#) requires the Panel to include its first determinations on pay and pensions for members of a new principal local authority in the annual report of the Panel relating to the first financial year of the authority. Subsection (1) refers to section 146(3) of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011; this means that the Panel must include in the report its determinations on payments to members of shadow authorities for official business and for family absence (this is addressed in section 142(2) to (4) of the 2011 Measure). The Panel must also include its determinations on the members of an authority to whom, or in respect of whom, pensions will be payable.
58. The matters relating to members of a shadow authority may be included in either an annual or supplementary report. However, if they are included in a supplementary report, it must be published no later than 6 weeks before the shadow authority is established or elected.