

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 29(3) – Directions in relation to the appointment/designation to restricted posts

72. **Section 29(3)** enables the Welsh Ministers to direct merging authorities to comply with specified requirements when seeking to appoint or designate persons to restricted posts, i.e., head of paid service, monitoring officer and statutory chief officer. The specified requirements may relate to matters such as the remuneration to be paid or the duration of the appointment. If a direction under section 29(3) has been issued, a merging authority is required to provide the Welsh Ministers with details of any proposal to appoint or designate a person to the post covered by the direction (section 29(5)(b)).
73. **Section 32** enables directions under section 29(3) to be given in respect of a single merging authority, two or more specified authorities, and authorities of a specified description, and a direction may specify different requirements in relation to different posts. Failure to comply with a direction issued under section 29(3) will render the contract of employment (or a contract for services) entered into unenforceable (section 33(2)).