*These notes refer to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 20 January 2021* 

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE ACT**

## Part 3 – Promoting Access to Local Government

- 9. Chapter 2 of this Part contains provisions requiring principal councils to encourage local people to participate in local government; requirements for petition schemes; and the publication of official addresses for members of principal councils.
- 10. Chapter 3 requires principal councils to publish their constitution and a constitution guide.
- 11. Chapter 4 makes provision about improving public access to local authority meetings; attendance of members at meetings; public participation at community council meetings; and, in Schedule 4, provision for notices of local authority meetings and venues for community council meetings.
- 12. Chapter 5 requires community councils to publish an annual report.