

*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**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE ACT**

#### **Part 9 - Miscellaneous**

28. Provision is made in Part 9 about information sharing by regulators; heads of democratic services; abolition of community polls (Schedule 13); appointment of the chief executive and the powers of the Welsh Ministers to give directions to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission (“the Boundary Commission”).
29. **Part 9** also makes provision about the merger and demerger of Public Service Boards (Schedule 14); when public inquiries in relation to combined fire and rescue Authorities must be held; the performance and governance of fire and rescue authorities, including in terms of the application of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (“the 2009 Measure”) in relation to those authorities; the disapplication of that Measure in relation to National Park authorities; and the final repeal of that Measure in the light of its disapplication in relation to principal councils (see Part 6), fire and rescue authorities and National Park authorities.