

# **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 7: Mergers and Restructuring Of Principal Areas**

##### ***Chapter 2: Restructuring of Principal Areas***

##### ***Section 131 – Restructuring regulations***

576. **Section 131** provides that restructuring regulations will provide for the abolition of the principal council under consideration and its principal area (that is, a council in relation to which the five conditions in section 129 have been met, and the county or county borough for which it is the council) on a date specified in the regulations (“the transfer date”).
577. The regulations will specify the changes to local government structures which will lead to the replacement of the area of the principal council in question, which (as noted above in relation to section 129) must take the form of either or both of the following:
- (a) for parts of the abolished principal area on the transfer date to become parts of other existing principal areas;
  - (b) for the constitution of a new principal area on the transfer date by:
    - the abolition of one or more other principal councils and their principal areas, and
    - the merger of the principal area or areas abolished with all or part of the area of the (also abolished) principal council under consideration.