

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

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3 of Schedule 11: Transition committees of merging councils and restructuring councils

Paragraph 7 - Transition committees for merging councils or restructuring councils: further provision

612. The Welsh Ministers may direct a transition committee to exercise its functions in accordance with the direction, and under section 172 a transition committee must comply with any direction given.
613. Neither an audit committee nor an overview or scrutiny committee of a merging council or a restructuring council may exercise its functions in respect of anything done by the transition committee.
614. Transition committees will generally not be empowered to take decisions on policy, strategic or operational matters in respect of a new or existing council; their role will be advisory, and to make recommendations (and in relation to merging councils, paragraph 3 expressly sets out their functions). The relevant audit and scrutiny committees are able to consider any decisions taken by the existing councils in light of advice or recommendations from the transition committees.