

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 2 of Schedule 4 – Attendance at local authority meetings: consequential amendments

Section 51 - Regulations about community meetings

306. **Section 51** inserts new paragraphs 36A and 36B into Schedule 12 to the 1972 Act:
- to enable the Welsh Ministers to make regulations about community meetings; and
 - concerning the issue of guidance in relation to such meetings.
307. **Paragraph 36A(1)** enables the Welsh Ministers to make regulations in relation to the conduct and holding of community meetings and the requirements concerning notices and documents relating to such meetings, including, but not limited to, the matters listed in sub-paragraph (2). Regulations under the new paragraph 36A(1) are subject to the affirmative procedure in the Senedd.
308. The new paragraph 36B provides that a principal council and a community council exercising functions in relation to community meetings must have regard to any guidance about the exercise of those functions issued by the Welsh Ministers.