

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4: Local Authority Executives, Members, Officers And Committees

Section 56 – Reconsideration of remuneration following direction by the Welsh Ministers

318. **Section 56** amends section 143A of the 2011 Measure. New subsection (5C) applies where the Welsh Ministers consider that the response of a “qualifying relevant authority” to a recommendation made by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales is inconsistent with the recommendation. This section provides that where Welsh Ministers direct, under section 143A(5B), a qualifying relevant authority to reconsider its response, the function of carrying out the reconsideration cannot be delegated and must be undertaken by the full council.
319. In section 143A of the 2011 Measure, “qualifying local authority” effectively means principal councils only. This is because it is defined by reference to the definition of “relevant authority” (see section 144 of the 2011 Measure, under which relevant authority covers a range of local government bodies), but only includes those:
- which are required to produce a pay policy statement (as to which see sections 38 and 43 of the Localism Act 2011); and
 - which have a statutory head of paid service or, following the commencement of section 54 of the Act, a statutory chief executive.