

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 4: Local Authority Executives, Members, Officers And Committees

Section 57 and Schedule 6 - Appointment of assistants to executive

320. **Section 57** amends Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act to make provision for the appointment of members of principal councils as assistants to the executives of principal councils. The assistants will not be members of the executive but could act on their behalf in certain circumstances. These roles could be used to support greater diversity of councillors involved in executive decision making.
321. This section also introduces Schedule 6 which makes consequential amendments relating to assistants to executives, including provision extending certain limitations which apply to members of an executive to assistants to an executive; for example, removing their right to hold certain offices in their councils (such as chair, vice-chair etc.).