

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 58 and Schedule 7 - Job sharing: executive leaders and executive members

322. [Section 58](#) introduces Schedule 7 to the Act, which amends the 2000 Act to make provision in relation to job-sharing by executive leaders and executive members.
323. [Paragraph 2](#) of Schedule 7 amends section 11 of the 2000 Act to change the maximum number of members of an executive from 10 to:
- 12 when at least two of the members have been elected or appointed to share office;
or
 - 13 when at least three of the members have been elected or appointed to share office.
324. [Paragraph 5](#) of Schedule 7 to the Act inserts new paragraphs 2(2A) and 2A into Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act to require principal councils in Wales to include in their executive arrangements provision enabling two or more councillors to share office on an executive, including the office of executive leader.
325. The Schedule also inserts a new paragraph 2B, which makes provision about voting rights and quorum. Under that paragraph, job-sharers effectively count as one person for the purposes of voting and quorum.