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PART 6

PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE OF PRINCIPAL COUNCILS

CHAPTER 3

COORDINATION BETWEEN REGULATORS

119 Coordination between regulators

- (1) The Auditor General for Wales and the relevant regulators must have regard to the need for coordination in the exercise of their relevant functions.
- (2) In respect of each financial year the Auditor General for Wales must produce a timetable in relation to each principal council which sets out the Auditor General's opinion as to the dates or periods in that year on or during which—
 - (a) the relevant regulators should exercise their relevant functions in relation to the council, and
 - (b) the Auditor General should exercise the Auditor General's relevant functions in relation to that council.
- (3) Before producing a timetable under subsection (2) the Auditor General for Wales must consult the relevant regulators.
- (4) The duty under subsection (2) may be discharged by the production of a timetable which relates to more than one financial year.
- (5) The Auditor General for Wales and the relevant regulators, in exercising their relevant functions in relation to a principal council, must take all reasonable steps to adhere to the timetable produced in relation to that council under subsection (2).

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (6) The Auditor General for Wales must assist the relevant regulators to comply with their duties under subsections (1) and (5).
- (7) In this section, “relevant regulators” and “relevant functions” have the meaning given in section 120.

120 “Relevant regulators” and “relevant functions”

- (1) For the purposes of section 119 the relevant functions of the Auditor General for Wales are—
- (a) auditing the accounts of a principal council under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2004 \(c. 23\)](#);
 - (b) undertaking a study under Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 in relation to a principal council;
 - (c) carrying out an examination of a principal council under section 15 of the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 2\)](#).
- (2) For the purposes of section 119, a relevant regulator is a person mentioned in the first column of table 1 and their relevant functions are the functions specified in the second column.

TABLE 1

Relevant regulators	Relevant functions
Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales	Functions under section 38 of the Education Act 1997 (c. 44) (inspection of education functions etc.)
The Welsh Ministers	Functions under section 149A and section 149B of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 4) (reviews etc. of the exercise of social services functions)

- (3) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations amend table 1 to—
- (a) add an entry;
 - (b) amend an entry;
 - (c) omit an entry.
- (4) Before making regulations under subsection (3), the Welsh Ministers must consult—
- (a) such persons representing principal councils as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate;
 - (b) the Auditor General for Wales;
 - (c) the person to whom a new or amended entry will relate.