



# Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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## PART 9

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### *Fire and rescue authorities*

#### **167 Performance and governance of fire and rescue authorities**

- (1) The [Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 \(c. 21\)](#) is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 21 (fire and rescue national framework) insert—

#### **“21A Fire and rescue authorities in Wales: performance and governance**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations—
  - (a) require a fire and rescue authority for an area in Wales to make a plan in relation to the exercise of the authority’s functions;
  - (b) impose requirements relating to such a plan.
- (2) The requirements which may be imposed under subsection (1)(b) include requirements about—
  - (a) a plan’s content;
  - (b) its preparation and revision;
  - (c) when it is to be made;
  - (d) the period to which it is to relate;
  - (e) its publication.
- (3) Requirements about a plan’s content include requirements to—
  - (a) set out an authority’s priorities and objectives;

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- (b) describe and explain the extent to which the plan reflects the Framework prepared by the Welsh Ministers under section 21;
  - (c) set out actions the authority intends to take in relation to its priorities and objectives;
  - (d) set out how the authority intends to assess its performance.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision (including imposing requirements on an authority) for the purposes of assessing or reporting on the performance of an authority.
- (5) Before making regulations under subsection (1) or (4) the Welsh Ministers—
  - (a) must consult fire and rescue authorities for areas in Wales or persons who the Welsh Ministers consider represent those authorities;
  - (b) must consult persons who the Welsh Ministers consider represent employees of fire and rescue authorities for areas in Wales;
  - (c) may consult any other persons the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.”
- (3) In section 60(6) (procedure for orders and regulations), after paragraph (c) and before the “or” which follows it insert—
  - “(ca) regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 21A(1) or (4),”.