



Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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PART 2

GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

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24 Local authority's general power of competence

- (1) A qualifying local authority has power to do anything that individuals generally may do, even if that thing is, in nature or extent or otherwise—
 - (a) unlike anything a qualifying local authority may do apart from this section;
 - (b) unlike anything that other public bodies may do.
- (2) Where subsection (1) confers power on an authority to do something, it confers power to do it in any way whatsoever, including—
 - (a) power to do it anywhere in Wales or elsewhere;
 - (b) power to do it for a commercial purpose or otherwise for a charge, or without charge;
 - (c) power to do it for, or otherwise than for, the benefit of the authority, its area or persons resident or present in its area.
- (3) The generality of the power conferred by subsection (1) on a qualifying local authority is not limited by the existence of any other power of the authority; and any other power of the authority is not limited by the existence of the general power.
- (4) For the purposes of this Chapter, each of the following is a qualifying local authority—
 - (a) a principal council;
 - (b) an eligible community council (as to which see Chapter 2).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, Section 24. (See end of Document for details)

- (5) In this section, “individual” means an individual with full capacity.
- (6) References in this Part to the general power are to the power conferred by subsection (1).
- (7) This section is subject to sections 25 to 27 and to any provision made under section 28(3) or (4).

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