



Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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PART 4

LOCAL AUTHORITY EXECUTIVES, MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Conduct of members

62 Duties of leaders of political groups in relation to standards of conduct

- (1) The 2000 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 52 insert—

“52A County and county borough councils: duties of leaders of political groups in relation to standards of conduct

- (1) A leader of a political group consisting of members of a county council or county borough council in Wales—
 - (a) must take reasonable steps to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the members of the group, and
 - (b) must co-operate with the council’s standards committee (and any sub-committee of the committee) in the exercise of the standards committee’s functions.
- (2) In complying with subsection (1), a leader of a political group must have regard to any guidance about the functions under that subsection issued by the Welsh Ministers.
- (3) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section about the circumstances in which—
 - (a) members of a county council or county borough council in Wales are to be treated as constituting a political group;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (b) a member of a political group is to be treated as a leader of the group.
- (4) Before making regulations under subsection (3), the Welsh Ministers must consult such persons as they think appropriate.”
- (3) In section 54 (functions of standards committees), after subsection (2) insert—
 - “(2A) A standards committee of a county council or county borough council in Wales also has the specific functions of—
 - (a) monitoring compliance by leaders of political groups on the council with their duties under section 52A(1), and
 - (b) advising, training or arranging to train leaders of political groups on the council about matters relating to those duties.”
- (4) In section 106 (Wales: orders and regulations)—
 - (a) omit subsection (5);
 - (b) in subsection (7) after “section 21G” insert “or regulations under section 52A(3)”.
- (5) In the 2013 Act, omit section 68(4)(a).
- (6) In this Act, omit section 63(2).