## **HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2023**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Part 5 — Supplementary provision about buildings of special interest and conservation areas

Chapter 1 — Exercise of functions by planning authorities and other local authorities

Section 167 — Fees and charges for exercising functions

- 634. Section 167 allows the Welsh Ministers to make regulations to require the payment of a fee or charge to a planning authority for performing any of its functions, or anything connected with those functions, under Parts 3, 4, 5 or 7 of the Act. Subsection (2) contains a non-exhaustive list of the matters that may be covered by any regulations, for example, how the amount which may be charged is to be calculated, who is liable to pay a fee and when the fee is payable.
- 635. Subsection (3) provides that, where the regulations allow for a planning authority to calculate the amount of the fees or charges, the income that the planning authority collects from those charges must not be higher than the cost of performing the functions.