



Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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PART 4

LOCAL AUTHORITY EXECUTIVES, MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Entitlement of members to job-share and to family absence

60 Job-sharing: non-executive offices in principal councils

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision for the purpose of facilitating or enabling the sharing of a principal council office.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, “principal council office” means—
 - (a) chair of a principal council (see section 22 of the 1972 Act);
 - (b) vice-chair of a principal council (see section 24 of that Act);
 - (c) presiding member of a principal council (see section 24A of that Act);
 - (d) deputy presiding member of a principal council (see section 24B of that Act);
 - (e) chair of a committee or sub-committee of a principal council;
 - (f) vice-chair or deputy chair of a committee or sub-committee of a principal council;
 - (g) deputy mayor in a mayor and cabinet executive (see Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act (executive arrangements)).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular—
 - (a) require principal councils to facilitate or enable the sharing of a principal council office (including by way of amending standing orders and other instruments);
 - (b) make provision about the appointment, election or nomination of a person to share a principal council office;

- (c) make provision about the exercise of the functions of a principal council office which is shared;
 - (d) make provision about voting and quorum where a principal council office is shared.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) may amend, modify, apply (with or without modifications), disapply, repeal or revoke any enactment.
- (5) A principal council must have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers for the purposes of regulations made under subsection (1).
- (6) In subsection (2), a reference to a committee or sub-committee includes a reference to a joint committee, or a sub-committee of a joint committee.

61 Family absence for members of local authorities

- (1) The 2011 Measure is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 24 (maternity absence)—
- (a) for subsection (2) substitute—
 - “(2) Regulations must include provision for determining—
 - (a) the extent of a member’s entitlement to maternity absence in respect of a child;
 - (b) when maternity absence may be taken.”;
 - (b) omit subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) In section 25 (newborn absence), omit—
- (a) subsection (4);
 - (b) subsection (6);
 - (c) subsection (9);
 - (d) in subsection (10), the definition of “week”.
- (4) In section 26 (adopter’s absence), omit subsection (3).
- (5) In section 27 (new adoption absence) omit—
- (a) subsection (4);
 - (b) subsection (6);
 - (c) subsections (9) and (10).
- (6) In section 28 (parental absence), omit subsection (4).