

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 7 – Communities and Community councils

Section 130 - Power to set out model charter agreement

146. Enables the Welsh Ministers to set out a model charter agreement in an order. The Assembly Government already encourages collaborative arrangements between principal and community councils, usually set out in an agreed “charter”, through which the two tiers of government would work together in a mutually supportive and co-operative way for the benefit of their communities. The Welsh Ministers consider that, in the first instance, the development and adoption of collaboration arrangements/ charters is best achieved on a voluntary basis at the local level. There is, however, no power currently available to the Assembly Government to require reluctant councils to come together, address the issues and agree a charter for the benefit of their areas.