

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 7 – Communities and Community councils

Section 135 – Accreditation of quality in community government: criteria

Section 136 – Accreditation of quality in community government: applications

Section 137 – Accreditation of quality in community government: fees

Section 138 – Accreditation of quality in community government: removal of accreditation

Section 139 – Applications for accreditation of quality in community government: delegation of functions

Section 140 – Accreditation of quality in community government consequences

153. These provisions support section 134. If the Welsh Ministers make regulations for an accreditation scheme, the regulations:
- must set criteria to be met on an application for accreditation. These may cover the matters listed in section 135(2), but would not be limited to these;
 - must set out the requirements for a valid application for accreditation (section 136);
 - may set fees for an application for accreditation (section 137);
 - must set out the grounds for the removal of accreditation status awarded and for the review of accreditation status awarded (section 138).
154. *Section 139* would allow the Welsh Ministers to arrange for another person (which need not be a public authority) to operate the accreditation scheme.
155. *Section 140* enables the Welsh Ministers, by regulations, to remove or alter statutory impediments from accredited community councils (for example, because they have achieved a certain standard of performance) and to place impediments in the way of unaccredited community councils (for example, because they are unable to show that they have achieved a certain standard).