



# Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009

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## **PART 1**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT**

*Improvement: supplementary*

#### **4 Aspects of improvement**

- (1) This section provides for the meanings of paragraphs (a) to (g) of—
  - (a) section 2(2);
  - (b) section 3(3); and
  - (c) section 8(5).
- (2) A Welsh improvement authority improves the exercise of its functions in terms of—
  - (a) strategic effectiveness, if it exercises its functions in a way which is reasonably likely to lead to the achievement of, or assist in achieving, any of its strategic objectives;
  - (b) service quality, if there is an improvement in the quality of services;
  - (c) service availability, if there is an improvement in the availability of services;
  - (d) fairness, if—
    - (i) disadvantages faced by particular groups in accessing, or taking full advantage of, services are reduced; or
    - (ii) social well-being is improved as a result of the provision of services or the way in which functions are otherwise exercised;
  - (e) sustainability, if services are provided or functions are otherwise exercised in a way which contributes towards the achievement of sustainable development in the authority's area;
  - (f) efficiency, if there is an improvement in the efficiency with which resources are used in the provision of services or in the way in which functions are otherwise exercised; and

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- (g) innovation, if the way in which services are provided or functions are otherwise exercised is altered in a manner which is reasonably likely to lead to any outcome described in paragraphs (a) to (f).
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a), a Welsh improvement authority's strategic objectives are—
- (a) in the case of a county council or a county borough council, the community strategy objectives contained in the current community strategy for the authority's area;
  - (b) in the case of a National Park authority—
    - (i) any relevant community strategy objectives; and
    - (ii) where the authority's National Park Management Plan includes objectives for the authority to meet in the exercise of its functions, those objectives;
  - (c) in the case of a Welsh fire and rescue authority—
    - (i) any relevant community strategy objectives; and
    - (ii) where the authority has decided to set itself objectives in response to guidance contained in the Fire and Rescue National Framework, those objectives.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) “current community strategy” (*“strategaeth gymunedol gyfredol”*) means the community strategy for a local authority's area published under section 39(4) or, where the strategy has been amended following a review under section 41, the strategy most recently published under section 41(6);
  - (b) “Fire and Rescue National Framework” (*“Fframwaith Cenedlaethol Tân ac Achub”*) means the Framework prepared by the Welsh Ministers and having effect under section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (including any revisions to the Framework which have effect under that section);
  - (c) “National Park Management Plan” (*“Cynllun Rheoli Parc Cenedlaethol”*) means the Plan published by a National Park authority under section 66 of the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25) (including any amendments to the Plan published under subsection (6) of that section);
  - (d) “relevant community strategy objective” (*“amcan strategaeth gymunedol perthnasol”*) means an objective that—
    - (i) is contained within a current community strategy the production of which involved the authority as a community planning partner (within the meaning of section 38); and
    - (ii) is connected with the authority's functions;
  - (e) a reference to services is to—
    - (i) services provided by the authority in the exercise of its functions;
    - (ii) services provided by any other person under arrangements made by the authority in the exercise of its functions.