

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 8 – Members: Payment and Pensions

156. This Part of the Measure makes provision in respect of the remuneration of councillors so that an independent panel has responsibility for determining adequate recompense for councillors in respect of the responsibilities they carry and for maintaining a remuneration system which keeps pace with the many developments in recent years in terms of the leadership, governance, scrutiny and regulatory duties incumbent upon a councillor.

Section 141 – The Panel

157. Provides for the continued existence of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (the “IRP”).
158. The IRP was established under regulation 26 of the [Local Authorities \(Allowances for Members\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1086\)](#) (the “2007 Regulations”) to prescribe, amongst other things, the maximum levels of allowances payable by county and county borough councils. The IRP’s current remit only extends to county and county borough councils and does not encompass community councils, National Park authorities or fire and rescue authorities.
159. The new provision maintains the statutory basis of the IRP and introduces Schedule 2 which sets out the detail for membership, tenure and organisation of the IRP.