

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 7 – Communities and Community councils

Section 116 – Requirement of public notice where vacancies in community council membership are to be filled by co-option

129. Introduces a requirement that where a community council intends filling a vacancy by co-option, the council must give public notice of the co-option opportunity. It is accepted good practice that opportunities for co-option are advertised openly, but there is no requirement at present. This will avoid the perception of community councils being ‘closed shops’ and raise awareness of opportunities for greater participation by under-represented groups. The requirements of the public notice are set out in subsection (5), which includes provision for Welsh Ministers to set other requirements for the notice in the light of experience.