



# Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

**2011 nawm 4**

## **PART 1**

### **STRENGTHENING LOCAL DEMOCRACY**

#### **CHAPTER 2**

##### **LOCAL AUTHORITY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

#### **14 Proceedings etc**

- (1) A local authority is to appoint the person who is to chair the democratic services committee (who must not be a member of an executive group).
- (2) If there are no opposition groups, the person who is to chair the democratic services committee may be a member of an executive group but must not be a member of the local authority's executive [<sup>F1</sup>or an assistant to its executive].
- (3) A democratic services committee is to appoint the person who is to chair any sub-committee of such a committee.
- (4) All members of a democratic services committee, or of a sub-committee of such a committee, may vote on any question that falls to be decided by the committee.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(4A) If two or more members of a democratic services committee are members of the executive who share office, those members have between them one vote for the purposes of subsection (4).]
- (5) A democratic services committee of a local authority, or a sub-committee of such a committee—
  - (a) may require members and officers of the authority to attend before it to answer questions, and
  - (b) may invite other persons to attend meetings of the committee.

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- (6) It is the duty of any member or officer of a local authority to comply with any requirement imposed under subsection (5)(a).
- (7) A person is not obliged by subsection (6) to answer any question which the person would be entitled to refuse to answer in, or for the purposes of, proceedings in a court in England and Wales.
- (8) A democratic services committee, or a sub-committee of such a committee, is to be treated as a committee, or sub-committee, of a principal council for the purposes of Part 5A of the Local Government Act 1972 (access to meetings and documents of certain authorities, committees and sub-committees).
- (9) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), the expressions “executive group” and “opposition group” have the same meaning as in section 75.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 14(2) inserted (5.5.2022) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(7), [Sch. 6 para. 6\(3\)](#); S.I. 2021/231, art. 6(t) (as substituted by S.I. 2021/1249, art. 3(2))
- F2** S. 14(4A) inserted (13.5.2022) by [The Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Job-sharing and Assistants to the Executive\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/533\)](#), regs. 1(2), [2\(3\)](#)
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#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 14 in force at 30.4.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1187](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#)

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