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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Part 6 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (“the 2009 Act”) provides for the establishment of combined authorities for the areas of two or more local authorities in England. Combined authorities are bodies corporate which may be given power to exercise specified functions.

The Secretary of State may provide for there to be a mayor for the area of a combined authority where the constituent councils of the combined authority (each district council or county council whose area is within the area of the combined authority) and any existing combined authority consent under section 107B(3) of the 2009 Act. Paragraph 3(d) of Schedule 5B to the 2009 Act provides for the filling of vacancies in the office of a mayor of a combined authority.

*Articles 3 and 4* make provision for the filling of vacancies. *Article 5* provides for notice requirements of a vacancy. *Article 6* provides for the date of a by-election arising from a vacancy. *Article 7* provides for the term of office of a person filling a vacancy at a by-election.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared as this instrument will have no impact on the costs of business and the voluntary sector.