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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, which come into force on 13th November 2007, require local education authorities (LEAs) to establish management committees to run pupil referral units (PRUs) in their area, and make provision for the constitution and procedures of such committees.

Part 2 requires LEAs to establish a committee in relation to each PRU in their area, with the proviso that a committee may run more than one PRU. In relation to PRUs opened before 13th November 2007, a committee must be established by 1st February 2008. In relation to PRUs opened on or after 13th November 2007, a committee must be established (or arrangements must be made for an existing committee to take on the management of the PRU) by no later than the first day it is open to pupils (Regulations 3 and 4). The LEA must make an instrument of government in respect of each unit (or group of units) and appoint the first members (other than those who are required to be elected) (Regulation 5).

Part 3 prescribes the categories of members. Part 4 prescribes the composition of committees. Part 5 prescribes the qualifications and tenure of office of members.

Part 6 makes provision for the procedures of committees by applying the School Governance (Procedures) (England) Regulations 2003 to committees, with certain modifications (Regulation 21 and Schedule 3).

Regulations 22 and 23 in Part 7, which come into force on 1st February 2008, require LEAs to delegate certain functions, principally the function of conducting the unit, to the committee and require a written statement of policy in relation to the curriculum for the unit to be made and periodically reviewed.