

Appendix A – Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021- Update

Date of Implementation	Elements of the Act	Progress Status RAG	Comments
1 April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performance & Self-Assessment (sections 89- 91) 	A	Model approach for Self-Assessment has been agreed and initial work has been carried out in preparation of first iteration this year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Change of name of Audit Committee to Governance & Audit Committee (section 115) 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mergers and restructuring of principal areas (Part 7) 		We will respond as/when the powers under these sections are exercised
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information Sharing (Section 159) 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Directions under section 48 of the 2013 Act (section 164) 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initial review of Electoral Arrangements (Schedule 1) 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consequential Amendments to Renaming of Principal Council Audit Committees (Schedule 10) 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition Committees of Merging councils and restructuring councils (Schedule 11) 		We will respond as/when the powers under these sections are exercised
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restraints on Transactions and recruitment etc. by Merging and Restructuring councils (Schedule 12) 			
1 May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remote attendance (enabling us to continue 'screen based' meetings originally permitted under emergency regulations) (section 47) 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electronic Notices of Meetings (again enabling us to continue with something originally permitted under emergency regulations) (section 49) 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schedule 4 (Notice of local Authority Meetings, Access to Documents and Attendance at Meetings). 	G	

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1 November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The general power of competence for principal Councils. 	G	
17 November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Qualification requirements to stand as a candidates at local elections (section 19) 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restating some of the disqualification regime which applies to local government elections (section 20). 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addition of a new category which disqualifies individuals who are subject to the notification requirements of, or an order under Parts 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (section 20). 	G	
1 April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual reports by Community Councils (section 52) 		For information only
5 May 2022 Principal Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public participation duty including duty to prepare a public participation strategy (sections 39-41) 	A	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty to establish a petitions scheme (section 42) 	A	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty to publish official addresses (section 43) 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty to have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers under Chapter 2 of Part 3 (section 44) 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty to publish a constitution and constitution guide (section 45) 	A	The national model constitution is being revised and a model plain language guide is being prepared by Lawyers in Local Government and the WLGA.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty to make arrangements to enable the electronic broadcasting of meetings (section 46) 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appointment of a Chief Executive (section 54) 	G	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reconsideration of remuneration following direction by the Welsh Ministers (section 56) 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appointment of assistants to executive (section 57) 		We will respond as/when the powers under these sections are exercised
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job sharing (section 58) 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty of political Group Leaders in relation to standards of conduct (section 62) 	A	Under development jointly by Group Leaders and the Standards Committee.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty of Standards Committee to make annual report (section 63) 	A	Under development jointly by Group Leaders and the Standards Committee.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Making information available to Overview and Scrutiny Committees (section 65) 	A	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Power to require authorities to appoint joint Overview and Scrutiny 	A	
5 May 2022 Committees (section 66)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panel Performance Assessment (Sections 92 and 93) 	A	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governance and Audit committees Memberships and Proceedings (Chapter 2 of part 6). 	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name and TOR of the then Audit Committee has been completed. ▪ Recruitment for a lay member is currently in progress

Progress Status Criteria

RAG	Criteria
R	Not Started / Not confident the action will be completed on time
A	In progress and will be completed on time
G	Completed