

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

Date of Implementation	Element(s) of the Act	Progress Status RAG	Comments
1 April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performance & Self-Assessment (Sections 89-91) 	G	
	<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 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 	G	

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	originally permitted under emergency regulations (Section 49)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Schedule 4 (Notice of Local Authority Meetings, Access to Documents, and Attendance at Meetings) 	G	
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 candidate 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 Part 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	Interim policy adopted and permanent policy will be adopted later 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty to establish a petitions scheme (Section 42) 	G	
	<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	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty to publish a constitution and constitution guide (Section 45) 	A	The C&DSC has set up a working group to review the updated national model constitution and adopt a plain language guide
	<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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reconsideration of remuneration following direction by Welsh Ministers (Section 56) 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appointment of assistance 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	This has been agreed between the Standards Committee and group leaders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty of Standards Committee to make annual report (Section 63) 	A	This has been agreed with the Standards Committee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Making information available to Overview and Scrutiny Committees (Section 65) 	G	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Power to require authorities to appoint joint Overview and Scrutiny (Section 66) 	G	
5 May 2022 Committees (Section 66)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panel Performance Assessment (Sections 92 and 93) 	A	This is a duty to undertake a peer assessment once every 5 years so we have until 2027 to comply
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governance and Audit Committee memberships and proceedings (Chapter 2 of part 6) 	G	