

*These notes refer to the Local Government (Wales) Act 2015
(c.6) which received Royal Assent on 25 November 2015*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 4 – Consultation before making merger application

8. **Section 4** requires principal local authorities, prior to submitting an application for merger, to consult with a range of stakeholders likely to be affected by the proposal to merge voluntarily. The stakeholders to be consulted are listed in subsection (1)(a) to (h). Consultation undertaken before section 4 came into force may satisfy the requirement of section 4(1).