

Local Government (Wales) Act 2015

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Voluntary mergers of local authorities

6 Power to make merger regulations

- (1) Where an application is made to the Welsh Ministers under section 3(1), the Welsh Ministers may, if they consider it appropriate to do so, make regulations for the constitution of a new principal area by merging, to create a new principal area, the principal areas of the principal local authorities by which the application was made.
- (2) Merger regulations must provide for—
 - (a) the establishment of the new principal area and the abolition of the existing principal areas,
 - (b) the boundary of the new principal area,
 - (c) the English language name and Welsh language name of the new principal area,
 - (d) whether the new principal area is to be a county or a county borough,
 - (e) the establishment, as a county council or a county borough council, of a local authority for the new principal area,
 - (f) the English language name and Welsh language name of the new principal local authority,
 - (g) the transfer of functions of the merging authorities to the new principal local authority, and
 - (h) the winding up and dissolution of the merging authorities.
- (3) Where the new principal area is to be a county, the merger regulations must provide for the new principal local authority to have the name of the county with the addition—
 - (a) in the case of the English language name, of the words "County Council" or the word "Council", and
 - (b) in the case of the Welsh language name, of the words "Cyngor Sir" or the word "Cyngor".

- (4) Where the new principal area is to be a county borough, the merger regulations must provide for the new principal local authority to have the name of the county borough with the addition—
 - (a) in the case of the English language name, of the words "County Borough Council" or the word "Council", and
 - (b) in the case of the Welsh language name, of the words "Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol" or the word "Cyngor".