



Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

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PART 1

STRENGTHENING LOCAL DEMOCRACY

CHAPTER 2

LOCAL AUTHORITY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

9 Democratic services functions

- (1) The functions of the head of democratic services are—
- (a) to provide support and advice to the authority in relation to its meetings, subject to subsection (2);
 - (b) to provide support and advice to committees of the authority (other than the committees mentioned in paragraph (e)) and the members of those committees, subject to subsection (2);
 - (c) to provide support and advice to any joint committee which a local authority is responsible for organising and the members of that committee, subject to subsection (2);
 - (d) to promote the role of the authority's overview and scrutiny committee or committees;
 - (e) to provide support and advice to—
 - (i) the authority's overview and scrutiny committee or committees and the members of that committee or those committees, and
 - (ii) the authority's democratic services committee and the members of that committee;
 - (f) to provide support and advice in relation to the functions of the authority's overview and scrutiny committee or committees to each of the following—
 - (i) members of the authority;
 - (ii) members of the executive of the authority;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (iii) officers of the authority;
 - (g) to provide support and advice to each member of the authority in carrying out the role of member of the authority, subject to subsection (3);
 - (h) to make reports and recommendations in respect of any of the following—
 - (i) the number and grades of staff required to discharge democratic services functions;
 - (ii) the appointment of staff to discharge democratic services functions;
 - (iii) the organisation and proper management of staff discharging democratic services functions;
 - (i) such other functions as may be prescribed.
- (2) The references to “advice” in paragraphs (a) to (c) do not include advice about whether or how the authority’s functions should be, or should have been, exercised.
- (3) The following kinds of support and advice are not to be considered as support and advice for the purposes of subsection (1)(g)—
- (a) support and advice to a member of the authority in discharging that member’s functions as part of the executive of the authority (except as provided for under subsection (1)(f));
 - (b) advice about whether or how the authority’s functions should be, or should have been, exercised in relation to any matter under consideration, or to be considered, at a meeting of the authority, a committee referred to in subsection (1)(b) or a joint committee which a local authority is responsible for organising.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (1)(h) affects the duty of the head of paid service in section 4(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- (5) In this section, references to a committee (or joint committee) include references to any sub-committee of that committee.