



# Local Government Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 22

### PART III

#### CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

### CHAPTER IV

#### ADJUDICATIONS

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. III applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**

*[<sup>F1</sup>The Adjudication Panel for Wales]*

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 75 cross-heading substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 56** (with Sch. 5)

**75** [<sup>F2</sup>**Adjudication Panel for Wales**].

<sup>F3</sup>(1) .....

(2) There is to be a panel of persons, known as the Adjudication Panel for Wales or Panel Dyfarnu Cymru, eligible for membership of tribunals drawn from the Panel.

<sup>F4</sup>(3) .....

<sup>F4</sup>(4) .....

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- (5) The members of the Adjudication Panel for Wales are to be appointed by the National Assembly for Wales on such terms and conditions as it may determine.
- (6) The National Assembly for Wales—
- (a) must appoint one of the members of the Adjudication Panel for Wales as president of the Panel, and
  - (b) may appoint one of those members as deputy president of the Panel.
- <sup>F5</sup>(7) .....
- (8) Such members of the Adjudication Panel for Wales as the National Assembly for Wales thinks fit must possess such qualifications as may be determined by the National Assembly for Wales.
- <sup>F6</sup>(9) .....
- (10) The president and deputy president (if any) of the Adjudication Panel for Wales are to be responsible—
- (a) for training the members of the Panel,
  - (b) for issuing guidance on how tribunals drawn from the Panel are to reach decisions.
- <sup>F7</sup>(11) .....
- [<sup>F8</sup>(12) A member of a tribunal listed in section 59 of the Wales Act 2017 (the Welsh tribunals) who is not a member of the Adjudication Panel for Wales may, at the request of the president or the deputy president (if any) and with the approval of the President of Welsh Tribunals, act as a member of a tribunal drawn from the Panel.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 75 heading substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 57\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))
- F3** S. 75(1) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 57\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))
- F4** S. 75(3)(4) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 57\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))
- F5** S. 75(7) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 57\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))
- F6** S. 75(9) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 57\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))
- F7** S. 75(11) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 57\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))
- F8** S. 75(12) inserted (12.12.2017 being the day on which S.I. 2017/1282 comes into force) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 62\(5\)](#), [71\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/351](#), [reg. 2\(2\)](#)

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 75 wholly in force at 28.7.2001; s. 75 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 108; s. 75(2)(5)(6)(8) in force at 1.11.2000 in relation to Wales by [S.I. 2000/2948](#), [art. 2](#); s. 75 in force at 19.12.2000 in relation to England and to police authorities in Wales by [S.I. 2000/3335](#), [art. 2](#); s. 75 in force at 28.7.2001 in so far as not already in force see s. 108(4)-(6)

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### Case tribunals and interim case tribunals

#### 76 Case tribunals and interim case tribunals.

- (1) Adjudications in respect of matters referred to the president of the [F<sup>9</sup>Adjudication Panel for Wales] under section F<sup>10</sup>... 71(3) are to be conducted by tribunals (referred to in this Part as case tribunals) consisting of not less than three members of the Panel.
- (2) Adjudications in respect of matters referred to the president of the [F<sup>11</sup>Adjudication Panel for Wales] under section F<sup>12</sup>... 72(4) are to be conducted by tribunals (referred to in this Part as interim case tribunals) consisting of not less than three members of the Panel.
- (3) The president of the [F<sup>13</sup>Adjudication Panel for Wales] (or in his absence the deputy president) is to appoint the members of any case tribunal or interim case tribunal.
- (4) A case tribunal drawn from the [F<sup>14</sup>Adjudication Panel for Wales] may conduct a single adjudication in relation to two or more matters which are referred to the president of the Panel under section F<sup>15</sup>... 71(3).
- (5) An interim case tribunal drawn from the [F<sup>16</sup>Adjudication Panel for Wales] may conduct a single adjudication in relation to two or more matters which are referred to the president of the Panel under section F<sup>17</sup>...72(4).
- (6) The president or the deputy president of the [F<sup>18</sup>Adjudication Panel for Wales] may be a member of a case tribunal or interim case tribunal drawn from the Panel.
- (7) A member of the [F<sup>19</sup>Adjudication Panel for Wales] may not at any time be a member of a case tribunal or interim case tribunal drawn from the Panel which is to adjudicate on a matter relating to a member or co-opted member (or former member or co-opted member) of a relevant authority if, within the period of five years ending with that time, the member of the Panel has been a member or an officer of the authority or a member of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee of the authority.
- (8) A member of the [F<sup>20</sup>Adjudication Panel for Wales] who is directly or indirectly interested in any matter which is, or is likely to be, the subject of an adjudication conducted by a case tribunal or interim case tribunal—
  - (a) must disclose the nature of his interest to the president or deputy president of that Panel, and
  - (b) may not be a member of a case tribunal or interim case tribunal which conducts an adjudication in relation to that matter.
- (9) Where there is no deputy president of the [F<sup>21</sup>Adjudication Panel for Wales], the reference in subsections (3) and (8) to the deputy president is to be treated as a reference to such member of the Panel as F<sup>22</sup>...the National Assembly for Wales may specify.

F<sup>23</sup>(9A) .....

- (10) A person who is a member of an interim case tribunal which, as a result of an investigation under section F<sup>24</sup>... 69, conducts an adjudication in relation to any person may not be a member of a case tribunal which, on the conclusion of that investigation, subsequently conducts an adjudication in relation to that person.

F<sup>25</sup>(11) .....

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<sup>F26</sup>(12) .....

(13) The National Assembly for Wales may issue guidance with respect to the composition of case tribunals or interim case tribunals drawn from the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

(14) The National Assembly for Wales may incur expenditure for the purpose of providing administrative support to the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

<sup>F27</sup>(15) .....

### Textual Amendments

- F9** Words in s. 76(1) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F10** Words in s. 76(1) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F11** Words in s. 76(2) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F12** Words in s. 76(2) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F13** Words in s. 76(3) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(c\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F14** Words in s. 76(4) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(d\)\(i\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F15** Words in s. 76(4) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(d\)\(ii\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F16** Words in s. 76(5) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(e\)\(i\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F17** Words in s. 76(5) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(e\)\(ii\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F18** Words in s. 76(6) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(f\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F19** Words in s. 76(7) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(f\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F20** Words in s. 76(8) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(f\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F21** Words in s. 76(9) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(g\)\(i\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F22** Words in s. 76(9) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(g\)\(ii\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F23** S. 76(9A) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(h\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F24** Words in s. 76(10) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(i\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F25** S. 76(11) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(j\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F26** S. 76(12) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(j\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F27** S. 76(15) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 58\(j\)](#) (with Sch. 5)

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### Commencement Information

- I2** S. 76 wholly in force at 28.7.2001; s. 76 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 108; s. 76(13) in force at 1.11.2000 in relation to Wales by [S.I. 2000/2948](#), [art. 2](#); s. 76 in force at 19.12.2000 in relation to England and to police authorities in Wales by [S.I. 2000/3335](#), [art. 2](#); s. 76 in force at 28.7.2001 in so far as not already in force see s. 108(4)-(6)

### Adjudications

#### 77 Adjudications.

- (1) A person who is the subject of an adjudication conducted by a case tribunal or interim case tribunal may appear before the tribunal in person or be represented by—
- (a) counsel or a solicitor, or
  - (b) any other person whom he desires to represent him.

<sup>F28</sup>(2) .....

<sup>F28</sup>(3) .....

- (4) The National Assembly for Wales may by regulations make such provision as appears to it to be necessary or expedient with respect to adjudications by case tribunals or interim case tribunals drawn from the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

<sup>F29</sup>(5) .....

- (6) Regulations under this section may, in particular, include provision—
- (a) for requiring persons to attend adjudications to give evidence and produce documents and for authorising the administration of oaths to witnesses,
  - (b) for requiring persons to furnish further particulars,
  - (c) for prescribing the procedure to be followed in adjudications, including provision as to the persons entitled to appear and to be heard on behalf of persons giving evidence,
  - (d) for the award of costs or expenses (including provision with respect to interest and provision with respect to the enforcement of any such award),
  - (e) for taxing or otherwise settling any such costs or expenses (and for enabling such costs to be taxed in [<sup>F30</sup>the county court]),
  - (f) for the registration and proof of decisions and awards of tribunals.

- (7) A person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any requirement imposed by virtue of subsection (6)(a) or (b) <sup>F31</sup>... is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

- (8) In this section any reference to documents includes a reference to information held by means of a computer or in any other electronic form.

### Textual Amendments

- F28** S. 77(2)(3) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 59\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))
- F29** S. 77(5) omitted (12.12.2017 being the day on which S.I. 2017/1282 comes into force) by virtue of [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), [s. 71\(4\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 58](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/351](#), [reg. 2\(2\)](#)

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- F30** Words in s. 77(6)(e) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 52](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F31** Words in s. 77(7) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 4 para. 42](#), [Sch. 25 Pt. 5](#); [S.I. 2012/1463](#), art. 5(a) (d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by [S.I. 2012/1714](#), art. 2); [S.I. 2012/2913](#), arts. 1(2), 2(b) (c) (with arts. 3-6)

#### Commencement Information

- I3** S. 77 wholly in force at 28.7.2001; s. 77 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 108; s. 77(4)(6) in force at 1.11.2000 in relation to Wales by [S.I. 2000/2948](#), [art. 2](#); s. 77 in force at 19.12.2000 in relation to England and to police authorities in Wales by [S.I. 2000/3335](#), [art. 2](#); s. 77 in force at 28.7.2001 in so far as not already in force see s. 108(4)-(6)

## 78 Decisions of <sup>F32</sup>... interim case tribunals.

- (1) [<sup>F33</sup>In adjudicating on any of the matters which are the subject of an interim report, <sup>F34</sup>... an interim case tribunal] must reach one of the following decisions—
- (a) that the person to whom the recommendation mentioned in section <sup>F35</sup>... 72(3) relates should not be suspended or partially suspended from being a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned,
  - (b) that that person should be suspended or partially suspended from being a member or co-opted member of the [<sup>F36</sup>relevant authority concerned] for a period which does not exceed six months or (if shorter) the remainder of the person's term of office.
- [<sup>F37</sup>(2) If the decision of [<sup>F38</sup>the interim case tribunal] is as mentioned in subsection (1)(a), the tribunal must give notice of its decision to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned.
- (3) If the decision of [<sup>F39</sup>the interim case tribunal] is as mentioned in subsection (1)(b), the tribunal must give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned stating that the person concerned is suspended or partially suspended for the period, and in the way, that the tribunal has decided.
- (3A) The effect of a notice given under subsection (3) is to suspend or partially suspend the person concerned as mentioned in subsection (3).]
- <sup>F40</sup>(4) .....
- (5) A decision of an interim case tribunal under this section shall not prevent [<sup>F41</sup>the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales] from continuing with the investigation under section 69 which gave rise to the interim report concerned and producing a report under section 71, or a further interim report under section 72, in respect of any matters which are the subject of the investigation.
- (6) The suspension or partial suspension of any person under this section shall not extend beyond the day on which a notice [<sup>F42</sup>is given by virtue of section <sup>F43</sup>... 79] to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned with respect to that person.
- (7) A copy of any notice under this section must be given—
- (a) to any person who is the subject of the notice, <sup>F44</sup>...
  - (b) to the monitoring officer of the relevant authority concerned [<sup>F45</sup>, and

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- (ba) where the relevant authority concerned is a corporate joint committee, in the case of a member or co-opted member of the corporate joint committee who is also a member or co-opted member of—
  - (i) a constituent council of the corporate joint committee;
  - (ii) a National Park authority which is required by regulations under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to appoint a member of the corporate joint committee,to the monitoring officer of that constituent council or National Park authority (in addition to being given to the monitoring officer of the corporate joint committee in accordance with paragraph (b)).]

[<sup>F46</sup>(8) Where the person concerned is no longer a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned, but is a member or co-opted member of another relevant authority—

- (a) the references in subsection (1) to the relevant authority concerned are to be treated as references to that other authority,
- (b) the references in subsections (2) and (7)(b) to the relevant authority concerned are to be treated as including a reference to that other relevant authority,
- (c) the duty under subsection (3) to give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned is to be treated as a duty—
  - (i) to give that notice to the standards committee of that other relevant authority, and
  - (ii) to give a copy of that notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned.

(8A) Subsection (8) does not apply unless—

- <sup>F47</sup>(a) .....
- (b) <sup>F48</sup>... the other relevant authority is also in Wales.]

(9) <sup>F49</sup>... an interim case tribunal must take reasonable steps to inform any person who made any allegation which gave rise to the investigation under section <sup>F50</sup>... 69 of its decision under this section.

<sup>F51</sup>(9A) .....

<sup>F51</sup>(9B) .....

<sup>F51</sup>(9C) .....

<sup>F51</sup>(9D) .....

(10) [<sup>F52</sup>Where a person is suspended or partially suspended under this section by a decision of an interim case tribunal, the person] may appeal to the High Court—

- (a) against the suspension or partial suspension, or
- (b) against the length of the suspension or partial suspension.

[<sup>F53</sup>(11) An appeal may not be brought under subsection (10) except with the leave of the High Court.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F32** Words in s. 78 heading repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 4 para. 43\(2\)](#), [Sch. 25 Pt. 5](#); S.I. 2012/1463, art.



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- 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F33** Words in s. 78(1) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/22), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 60(b)** (with Sch. 5)
- F34** Words in s. 78(1) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 43(3)(a), **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F35** Words in s. 78(1)(a) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 43(3)(b), **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F36** Words in s. 78(1)(b) substituted (12.12.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#) (c. 28), **ss. 197(2)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(d)
- F37** S. 78(2)-(3A) substituted for s. 78(2)(3) (12.12.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#) (c. 28), **ss. 197(3)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(d)
- F38** Words in s. 78(2) substituted (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), **Sch. 4 para. 43(4)**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F39** Words in s. 78(3) substituted (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), **Sch. 4 para. 43(5)**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F40** S. 78(4) repealed (31.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 43(6), **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/57, art. 5(1)(a)(c)(2)(l) (with arts. 6, 8)
- F41** Words in s. 78(5) substituted (1.4.2006) by [Public Services Ombudsman \(Wales\) Act 2005](#) (c. 10), s. 40, **Sch. 4 para. 19**; S.I. 2005/2800, art. 5(1)(3) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/362, art. 4)
- F42** Words in s. 78(6) substituted (12.12.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#) (c. 28), **ss. 197(4)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(d)
- F43** Words in s. 78(6) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 43(7), **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F44** Word in s. 78(7) omitted (25.3.2022) by virtue of [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022](#) (S.I. 2022/372), regs. 1(2), **3(11)(a)**
- F45** S. 78(7)(ba) and preceding word inserted (25.3.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022](#) (S.I. 2022/372), regs. 1(2), **3(11)(b)**
- F46** S. 78(8)(8A) substituted for s. 78(8) (12.12.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#) (c. 28), **ss. 197(5)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(d)
- F47** S. 78(8A)(a) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 43(8)(a), **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F48** Words in s. 78(8A)(b) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 43(8)(b), **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F49** Words in s. 78(9) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 43(9)(a), **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F50** Words in s. 78(9) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 43(9)(b), **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)



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- F51** S. 78(9A)-(9D) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 43(10), **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F52** Words in s. 78(10) substituted (18.1.2010) by The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/22), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 60(g)** (with Sch. 5)
- F53** S. 78(11) inserted (12.12.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), **ss. 197(6), 245(5)** (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(d)

#### Commencement Information

- I4** S. 78 wholly in force at 28.7.2001; s. 78 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 108; s. 78 in force at 19.12.2000 in relation to England and to police authorities in Wales by S.I. 2000/3335, **art. 2**; s. 78 in force at 28.7.2001 in so far as not already in force see s. 108(4)-(6)

### <sup>F55</sup>78A Decisions of [<sup>F54</sup>First-tier Tribunal]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F54** Words in s. 78A heading substituted (18.1.2010) by The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/22), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 61(a)** (with Sch. 5)
- F55** S. 78A repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 44, **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b)(c) (with arts. 3-6)

### <sup>F56</sup>78B Section 78A: supplementary

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#### Textual Amendments

- F56** S. 78B repealed (31.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 45, **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/57, art. 5(1)(a)(c)(2)(m) (with arts. 6, 8); S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b)(c) (with arts. 3-6)

### 79 [<sup>F57</sup>Decisions of case tribunals: Wales.]

[<sup>F58</sup>(A1) In this section “Welsh case tribunal” means a case tribunal drawn from the Adjudication Panel for Wales.]

- (1) A [<sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] which adjudicates on any matter must decide whether or not any person to which that matter relates has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned.
- (2) Where a [<sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] decides that a person has not failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned, it must give notice to that effect to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned.

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- (3) Where a [<sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned, it must decide whether the nature of the failure is such that the person should be suspended or disqualified in accordance with subsection (4).
- (4) A person may be—
  - (a) suspended or partially suspended from being a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned, or
  - (b) disqualified for being, or becoming (whether by election or otherwise), a member of that or any other relevant authority.
- (5) Where a [<sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] makes such a decision as is mentioned in subsection (4)(a), it must decide the period for which the person should be suspended or partially suspended (which must not exceed one year or, if shorter, the remainder of the person's term of office).
- (6) Where a [<sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] makes such a decision as is mentioned in subsection (4)(b), it must decide the period for which the person should be disqualified (which must not exceed five years).
- (7) Where a [<sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned but should not be suspended or disqualified as mentioned in subsection (4), it must give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned—
  - (a) stating that the person has failed to comply with that code of conduct, and
  - (b) specifying the details of that failure.
- (8) Where a [<sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned and should be suspended or partially suspended as mentioned in subsection (4)(a), it must give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned—
  - (a) stating that the person has failed to comply with that code of conduct,
  - (b) specifying the details of that failure, and
  - (c) stating that the person [<sup>F60</sup>is suspended or partially suspended] for the period, and in the way, which the tribunal has decided.
- [<sup>F61</sup>(9) The effect of a notice given to the standards committee of a relevant authority under subsection (8) is to suspend or partially suspend the person concerned as mentioned in subsection (8)(c).]
- (10) Where a [<sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned and should be disqualified as mentioned in subsection (4)(b), it must give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned—
  - (a) stating that the person has failed to comply with that code of conduct,
  - (b) specifying the details of that failure, and
  - (c) stating that the person is disqualified for being, or becoming (whether by election or otherwise), a member of that or any other relevant authority for the period which the tribunal has decided.
- (11) The effect of a notice given to the standards committee of a relevant authority under subsection (10) is to disqualify the person concerned as mentioned in subsection (10)(c).

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- (12) A copy of any notice under this section—
- <sup>F62</sup>(a) must be given to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales,
  - (b) must be given to any person who is the subject of the decision to which the notice relates, and
  - (c) must be published in one or more newspapers circulating in the area of the relevant authority concerned.
- <sup>F63</sup>(12A) In the case of a member or co-opted member of a corporate joint committee who is also a member or co-opted member of—
- (a) a constituent council of the corporate joint committee;
  - (b) a National Park authority which is required by regulations under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to appoint a member of the corporate joint committee,
- a copy of any notice under this section must be given to the monitoring officer of that constituent council or National Park authority (in addition to the steps required by subsection (12) being taken).]
- (13) Where the person concerned is no longer a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned but is a member or co-opted member of another relevant authority
- <sup>F64</sup>...
- (a) a copy of any notice under subsection (2), (7) or (10) must also be given to the standards committee of that other relevant authority,
- <sup>F65</sup>(b) the reference in subsection (4)(a) to the relevant authority concerned is to be treated as a reference to that other relevant authority,]
- (c) the duty to give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned under subsection (8) is to be treated as a duty—
    - (i) to give that notice to the standards committee of that other relevant authority, and
    - (ii) to give a copy of that notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned,
  - (d) the reference in subsection (12)(c) to the relevant authority concerned is to be treated as including a reference to that other relevant authority.
- (14) A <sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] must take reasonable steps to inform any person who made any allegation which gave rise to the adjudication of the decision of the <sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] under this section.
- (15) Where a <sup>F59</sup>Welsh case tribunal] decides under this section that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned, that person may appeal to the High Court against that decision, or any other decision under this section which relates to him.
- <sup>F66</sup>(16) An appeal may not be brought under subsection (15) except with the leave of the High Court.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F57** S. 79 sidenote substituted (12.12.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\), ss. 199\(2\), 245\(5\)](#) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(f)
- F58** S. 79(A1) inserted (12.12.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\), ss. 199\(3\), 245\(5\)](#) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(f)

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- F59** Words in s. 79(1)-(15) substituted (12.12.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), **ss. 199(4)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(f)
- F60** Words in s. 79(8)(c) substituted (12.12.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), **ss. 199(5)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(f)
- F61** S. 79(9) substituted (12.12.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), **ss. 199(6)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(f)
- F62** S. 79(12)(a) substituted (12.12.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), **ss. 199(7)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, art. 2(f)
- F63** S. 79(12A) inserted (25.3.2022) by The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/372), regs. 1(2), **3(12)**
- F64** Words in s. 79(13) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 46, **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a) (d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (c) (with arts. 3-6)
- F65** S. 79(13)(b) substituted (12.12.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), **ss. 199(8)(b)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, **art. 2(f)**
- F66** S. 79(16) inserted (12.12.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), **ss. 199(9)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/3110, **art. 2(f)**

#### Commencement Information

- I5** S. 79 wholly in force at 28.7.2001; s. 79 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 108; s. 79 in force at 19.12.2000 in relation to England and to police authorities in Wales by S.I. 2000/3335, **art. 2**; s. 79 in force at 28.7.2001 in so far as not already in force see s. 108(4)-(6)

## 80 Recommendations by <sup>F67</sup>... case tribunals.

- (1) [<sup>F68</sup>Where <sup>F69</sup>... a case tribunal has adjudicated on any matter under this Act, it] may make recommendations to a relevant authority about any matters relating to—
- (a) the exercise of the authority's functions,
  - (b) the authority's code of conduct, or
  - (c) the authority's standards committee.
- (2) [<sup>F70</sup>A case tribunal] must send a copy of any recommendations it makes under subsection (1) to the relevant person.
- (3) A relevant authority to whom recommendations are made under subsection (1) must consider the recommendations and, within a period of three months beginning with the day on which the recommendations are received, prepare a report for the [<sup>F71</sup>Public Services Ombudsman for Wales] giving details of what action the authority have taken or are proposing to take as a result of the recommendations.
- (4) A relevant authority's function of considering a report under subsection (3) may be discharged only by the authority or by the standards committee of that authority (and accordingly, in the case of a relevant authority to which section 101 of the <sup>M1</sup>Local Government Act 1972 [<sup>F72</sup>or regulation 13 of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (arrangements for discharge of functions)] applies, is not to be a function to which [<sup>F73</sup>that section or regulation applies]).
- (5) If the [<sup>F74</sup>Public Services Ombudsman for Wales] is not satisfied with the action the relevant authority have taken or propose to take in relation to the recommendations, the [<sup>F74</sup>Public Services Ombudsman for Wales] may require the authority to publish a statement giving details of the recommendations made by the tribunal and of the authority's reasons for not fully implementing the recommendations.

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### Textual Amendments

- F67** Words in s. 80 heading repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(2\)](#), [Sch. 25 Pt. 5](#); S.I. 2012/1463, [art. 5\(a\)\(d\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b)(c) (with arts. 3-6)
- F68** Words in s. 80(1) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 63\(b\)](#) (with Sch. 5)
- F69** Words in s. 80(1) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(3\)](#), [Sch. 25 Pt. 5](#); S.I. 2012/1463, [art. 5\(a\)\(d\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b)(c) (with arts. 3-6)
- F70** Words in s. 80(2) substituted (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(4\)](#); S.I. 2012/1463, [art. 5\(a\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F71** Words in s. 80(3) substituted (31.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(5\)](#); S.I. 2012/57, [art. 5\(1\)\(a\)\(c\)\(2\)\(n\)](#) (with arts. 6, 8); S.I. 2012/1463, [art. 5\(a\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F72** Words in s. 80(4) inserted (25.3.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/372\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [3\(13\)\(a\)](#)
- F73** Words in s. 80(4) substituted (25.3.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/372\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [3\(13\)\(b\)](#)
- F74** Words in s. 80(5) substituted (31.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(6\)](#); S.I. 2012/57, [art. 5\(1\)\(a\)\(c\)\(2\)\(n\)](#) (with arts. 6, 8); S.I. 2012/1463, [art. 5\(a\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b) (with arts. 3-6)
- F75** S. 80(6) repealed (31.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(7\)](#), [Sch. 25 Pt. 5](#); S.I. 2012/57, [art. 5\(1\)\(a\)\(c\)\(2\)\(n\)](#) (with arts. 6, 8); S.I. 2012/1463, [art. 5\(a\)\(d\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b)(c) (with arts. 3-6)

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- I6** S. 80 wholly in force at 28.7.2001; s. 80 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 108; s. 80 in force at 19.12.2000 in relation to England and to police authorities in Wales by [S.I. 2000/3335](#), [art. 2](#); s. 80 in force at 28.7.2001 in so far as not already in force see s. 108(4)-(6)

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- s. 21(13)(c) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 21(15A) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(6\)](#)
- s. 21(18) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(7\)](#)
- s. 21C(6)(aa)(ab) inserted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 5 para. 97\(a\)](#)