#### WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2021 No. 356

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2021

#### PART 4

Requirements under the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 for documents to remain accessible electronically and transitional provisions

### The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020

- 10.—(1) This regulation applies to documents relating to a meeting held, or an executive decision taken, on or after 22 April 2020 and before the end of 30 April 2021 which were required to remain accessible electronically by members of the public under—
  - (a) section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 as modified by regulation 21(4) of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020(1), or
  - (b) regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2001(2) as modified by regulation 23(8)(e)(3) of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.
- (2) Documents to which this regulation applies must remain accessible electronically by members of the public until the expiration of the period of six years beginning with the date of the meeting or of the executive decision.

## **Transitional provision**

- 11.—(1) Any notice or other document published or sent before 1 May 2021 in accordance with the provisions specified in paragraph (2) in relation to a meeting or hearing held on or after 1 May 2021, is to be treated as having been published or sent in accordance with those provisions as amended by these Regulations.
  - (2) The provisions are—

<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 2020/442 (W. 100)), which was amended by S.I. 2020/653 (W. 150). Section 100C of the 1972 Act was temporarily modified, in relation to local authority meetings held between 22 April 2020 and the end of 30 April 2021, by regulation 21(4) of S.I. 2020/442 (W. 100)) so that section 100C was to be read as if it included, among other things, a subsection (7) which required anything published under sections 100B and 100C of the 1972 Act, as modified, to remain accessible electronically by members of the public. Section 100C was further amended by the 2021 Act, Schedule 4, paragraph 8. There are other amendments to the section none of which are relevant.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 2001/2290 (W. 178).

<sup>(3)</sup> Regulation 13 of S.I. 2001/2290 was temporarily modified, in relation to meetings of local authority executives held and executive decisions taken between 22 April 2020 and the end of 30 April 2021, by regulation 23(8)(e) of S.I. 2020/442 (W. 100) so that regulation 13 of S.I. 2001/2290 was to be read as if it included, among other provisions, a paragraph (5A) which required anything published electronically under regulation 8 of S.I. 2001/2290, as modified, to be retained by the local authority and to remain accessible electronically by members of the public.

- (a) sections 24(5) and 26(3) of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 as modified by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020;
- (b) paragraph 6(2) and (3) of Schedule 3 to the National Park Authorities (Wales) Order 1995 as modified by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020;
- (c) regulations 26(1), (2A) and (4) and 27(1) to (3) of the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 as modified by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020;
- (d) regulations 4, 6, 12, and 20 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005;
- (e) regulations 5, 7, and 10 of the Gambling Act 2005 (Proceedings of Licensing Committees and Sub-Committees) (Premises Licenses and Provisional Statements) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007.