These notes refer to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 20 January 2021

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Part 1 of Schedule 11: Merging Councils

## Paragraph 2 - Membership of transition committees for merging councils

- 603. A transition committee is to be made up of an equal number of elected members of the merging councils, with a minimum number of 5 members per council. The senior executive member (that is, the executive leader, or directly elected mayor if the council has one) of each of the merging councils must be a member of the transition committee.
- 604. A merging council's executive member responsible for finance (who may also be the executive leader) must also be appointed to the transition committee.
- 605. A transition committee may co-opt additional persons to serve as members on the committee, but co-optees do not have voting rights. A merging council's membership of a transition committee must reflect the political balance of the merging council, in accordance with the requirements set out in Schedule 1 to the 1989 Act.