



# Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

## 2011 nawm 4

### PART 6

#### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

#### CHAPTER 2

#### [<sup>F1</sup>GOVERNANCE AND] AUDIT COMMITTEES

#### [<sup>F1</sup>83 Proceedings etc

- (1) A meeting of a governance and audit committee is to be chaired—
  - (a) by the committee chair, or
  - (b) if the committee chair is absent, by the deputy chair.
- (2) If both the committee chair and the deputy chair are absent the committee may appoint a member of the committee who is not a member of the local authority's executive, or an assistant to its executive, to chair the meeting.]
- (3) All members of [<sup>F2</sup>a governance and] audit committee may vote on any question that falls to be decided by the committee.
- [<sup>F3</sup>(3A) If two or more members of a governance and audit committee are members of the executive who share office, those members have between them one vote for the purposes of subsection (3).]
- (4) [<sup>F4</sup>A governance and] audit committee of a local authority—
  - (a) may require members and officers of the authority to attend before it to answer questions, and
  - (b) may invite other persons to attend meetings of the committee.
- (5) It is the duty of any member or officer of a local authority to comply with any requirement imposed under subsection (4)(a).

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- (6) A person is not obliged by subsection (5) to answer any question which the person would be entitled to refuse to answer in, or for the purposes of, proceedings in a court in England and Wales.
- (7) [<sup>F5</sup>A governance and] audit committee is to be treated as a committee of a principal council for the purposes of Part 5A of the Local Government Act 1972 (access to meetings and documents of certain authorities, committees and sub-committees).
- <sup>F6</sup>(8) .....

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 83(1)(2) substituted (5.5.2022) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\), ss. 118\(2\), 175\(7\)](#); S.I. 2021/297, art. 3(b)
- F2** Words in s. 83(3) substituted (1.4.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\), s. 175\(7\), Sch. 10 para. 5\(c\)](#); S.I. 2021/297, reg. 2(h)
- F3** S. 83(3A) inserted (13.5.2022) by [The Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Job-sharing and Assistants to the Executive\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/533\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(6)**
- F4** Words in s. 83(4) substituted (1.4.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\), s. 175\(7\), Sch. 10 para. 5\(d\)](#); S.I. 2021/297, reg. 2(h)
- F5** Words in s. 83(7) substituted (1.4.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\), s. 175\(7\), Sch. 10 para. 5\(e\)](#); S.I. 2021/297, reg. 2(h)
- F6** S. 83(8) omitted (5.5.2022) by virtue of [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\), ss. 118\(3\), 175\(7\)](#); S.I. 2021/297, art. 3(b)
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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 83 in force at 30.4.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1187, art. 2\(1\)\(j\)](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 83(2) words inserted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 6 para. 6\(5\)](#) (amendment never in force)