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PART 2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES IN WALES

CHAPTER 1

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

Audit of accounts

19 Auditors' rights to documents and information: offences

- (1) A person commits an offence if without reasonable excuse he fails to comply with a requirement imposed by an auditor under section 18(4).
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction—
 - (a) to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, and
 - (b) to an additional fine not exceeding £20 for each day on which the offence continues after he has been convicted of it.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies if—
 - (a) a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1), and
 - (b) expenses are incurred by an auditor in connection with proceedings for the offence.
- (4) The expenses may be recovered from the convicted person or an appropriate person, to the extent that they are not recovered from any other source.
- (5) An appropriate person is a person who controlled the document referred to in section 18(5) at the time the requirement was imposed.