#### WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2022 No. 797

# The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2022

### PART 3

# Overview and Scrutiny

Duties in relation to overview and scrutiny

#### Duty to co-operate on overview and scrutiny

- **8.**—(1) This Regulation applies where—
  - (a) a relevant overview and scrutiny committee ("the committee") makes a report or recommendations under section 21(2)(e) of the 2000 Act, and
  - (b) the report or recommendations relate to the exercise of a function of a corporate joint committee.
- (2) The corporate joint committee must co-operate with the committee and give it such reasonable assistance as it requests in connection with the exercise of its functions.
  - (3) Assistance provided under paragraph (2) may include—
    - (a) arranging for a member of the corporate joint committee to attend and answer questions at a meeting of the committee;
    - (b) arranging for a member of the staff of the corporate joint committee to attend and answer questions at a meeting of the committee;
    - (c) providing information;
    - (d) providing copies of documents in the possession or under the control of the corporate joint committee.
- (4) Where the committee requests that the corporate joint committee provides confidential or exempt information, or a copy of any document or part of a document that contains confidential or exempt information, paragraph (2) does not require the corporate joint committee to provide such information or document to the committee unless the information is relevant.
- (5) For the purposes of paragraph (4) information is relevant if a proper officer of the corporate joint committee determines that the information—
  - (a) relates to an action or decision that is being reviewed or scrutinised by the committee, or
  - (b) is relevant to any review contained in any programme of work of the committee.
- (6) Nothing in this regulation permits the disclosure of confidential or exempt information by an overview and scrutiny committee other than may be authorised by any other enactment.
- (7) For the purposes of this regulation a "relevant overview and scrutiny committee", in relation to a corporate joint committee is—

- (a) an overview and scrutiny committee appointed by a constituent council under section 21(2) of the 2000 Act;
- (b) a joint overview and scrutiny committee appointed under the Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013(1) where the appointing authorities are constituent councils of the corporate joint committee;
- (c) a sub-committee of a committee described in paragraph (a) or (b).

#### **Commencement Information**

II Reg. 8 in force at 15.7.2022, see reg. 1(2)

## Duty to have regard

- **9.**—(1) This regulation applies where—
  - (a) regulation 8 applies, and
  - (b) the committee publishes the report or recommendation under—
    - (i) section 21B(2) of the 2000 Act;
    - (ii) regulation 13(2) of the Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013.
- (2) The corporate joint committee must—
  - (a) consider the report or recommendation, and
  - (b) publish a statement setting out the steps it intends to take in light of the report or recommendation in exercising its functions.
- (3) A statement under paragraph (2)(b) must be published before the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day the report by the committee is published.
- (4) Regulation 13 of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (discharge of functions by other persons)(2) does not apply to the duty imposed by paragraph (2)(a).

# **Commencement Information**

**I2** Reg. 9 in force at 15.7.2022, see reg. 1(2)

#### **Exempt Information**

- 10.—(1) The descriptions of information which are, for the purposes of this Part, exempt information are those for the time being specified in Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as modified in its application to this Part by paragraph (2) subject to any qualifications contained in Part 5 of that Schedule as so modified.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), Parts 4 to 6 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 apply as if, for paragraph 22(2) of that Schedule, there were substituted—
  - "(2) Any reference in Parts 4 and 5 and this Part of this Schedule to "the authority" is a reference to the corporate joint committee or, as the case may be, the sub-committee of the corporate joint committee in relation to whose proceedings or documents the question whether information is exempt or not falls to be determined and includes a reference—

<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 2013/1050 (W. 112).

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 2021/1349 (W. 348).

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- (a) in the case of a corporate joint committee, to any sub-committee of the corporate joint committee, and
- (b) in the case of a sub-committee, to the corporate joint committee of which it is a sub-committee."

# **Commencement Information**

I3 Reg. 10 in force at 15.7.2022, see reg. 1(2)

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