## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This is the fifth commencement order made by the Welsh Ministers under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ("the 2021 Act").

Article 2 brings section 64 (introduction of Schedule 8) of, and Schedule 8 (conduct of local government members: investigations by the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales) to, the 2021 Act into force on 5 May 2022.

Article 3 ensures that investigations by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales which relate to written allegations made by any person before 5 May 2022 under section 69(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2000, or any other case which has come to the attention of the Ombudsman as a result of an allegation made before 5 May 2022, are not impacted by the commencement of section 64 of, and Schedule 8 to, the 2021 Act.