EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations establish a Valuation Tribunal Service for Wales. The Valuation Tribunal Service for Wales will comprise of a Valuation Tribunal for each of the areas specified in Schedule 1. The Valuation Tribunals will deal with appeals made under the statutory provisions as defined in regulation 3. The Valuation Tribunals will commence dealing with such appeals on the 15 February 2006. All appeals up to and including 14 February 2006 will continue to be dealt with by an old Tribunal.

These Regulations revoke—

The Valuation Tribunals (Wales) Regulations 1995;

Regulations 1 to 5 of the Valuation Tribunals (Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2001; and The Valuation Tribunals (Wales) (Amendments) Regulations 2004.

Part 2 and 3 of these Regulations provide for the establishment of the Valuation Tribunal Service for Wales, its Governing Council and the Valuation Tribunals.

Regulation 5 and 6 establishes the Valuation Tribunal Service for Wales and the Governing Council. Regulation 7 deals with the functions of the Valuation Tribunal Service for Wales.

Regulations 8 and 9 provide for the membership of the Governing Council.

Regulation 10 deals with the appointment of the Director and Deputy Director of the Governing Council.

Regulation 11 establishes a Valuation Tribunal for each of the areas of the jurisdiction set out in Schedule 1.

Regulations 12 and 13 make provision for the number of members for each Valuation Tribunal, the number to be appointed by each appointing council and President, and their appointment and duration of membership.

Regulations 14 and 15 deal with the appointment of the Valuation Tribunals President and its Chairpersons.

Regulation 16 provide for the circumstances in which a person is to be disqualified from membership.

Regulation 17 provide for the allowances payable to members.

Part 3 of these Regulations relate to staff, administration, accommodation and equipment.

Regulation 18 provides for the appointment of an interim Chief Executive, a Chief Executive and the appointment of any other employees (including Clerks) as the Valuation Tribunal Services for Wales may determine. This Regulation also provides for the delegation of the Chief Executive's functions.

Regulation 19, 20 and 21 relates to administration, accommodation and equipment.

Part 4 contains transitional provisions in relation to transferred appeals and the winding up of existing Tribunals.

Part 5 provides for the procedure for dealing with appeals in relation to Council Tax.