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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 442**

**The Local Authorities (Coronavirus)  
(Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

**PART 3**

Requirements relating to meetings

**Election of chairs and vice-chairs of principal councils and community councils at annual meetings**

**11.**—(1) The 1972 Act is to be read subject to this regulation.

(2) Section 22(1) (chair) is to be read as if after “councillors” there were inserted “; but if there is no election of a chair at the annual meeting of the council in 2020, the person holding office as chair immediately before the annual meeting of the council in 2020 may continue to hold office.”

(3) Section 23 (election of chair) is to be read as if—

- (a) in subsection (1), after “council” there were inserted “unless, in relation to the annual meeting held in 2020, the council decides not to hold an election of a chair at that meeting”;
- (b) after subsection (1) there were inserted—

“(1A) A principal council that did not elect a chair at its annual meeting held in 2020 may hold an election of a chair at any time before the annual meeting held in 2021 (but not after 30 April 2021).”

(4) Section 24(2) (vice-chair) is to be read as if for “the election of a chairman at the next annual meeting of the council” there were substituted “the next election of a chair held other than under section 88”.

(5) Section 34 (community councils) is to be read as if—

- (a) in subsection (1), after “councillors” there were inserted “; but if there is no election of a chair at the annual meeting of the council in 2020, the person holding office as chair immediately before the annual meeting of the council in 2020 may continue to hold office”;
- (b) in subsection (2), after “subsection (3) below” there were inserted “; but the community council may decide not to hold an election of a chair at the annual meeting held in 2020”;
- (c) after subsection (2) there were inserted—

“(2A) A community council that did not elect a chair at its annual meeting held in 2020 may hold an election of a chair at any time before 1 May 2021.”;

- (d) in subsection (7), for “the election of a chairman at the next annual meeting of the council” there were substituted “the next election of a chair held other than under section 88”.