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SL(6)073 – The Corporate Joint Committees (Amendment of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

Corporate Joint Committees are corporate bodies, established via regulations made under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and consist of those principal councils (and in some circumstances National Park authorities) in Wales which are specified in the establishment regulations.

These Regulations amend the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to:

- provide that Corporate Joint Committees are liable to comply with the requirements set out in that Act; and
- specify when a Corporate Joint Committee must set and review its well-being objectives.

These Regulations form a package of amendments to legislation that will underpin all Corporate Joint Committees and put in place the necessary legislative framework for the effective administration and governance of Corporate Joint Committees.

Parent Act: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Date Made: Date Laid:

Coming into force date: 03 December 2021

SL(6)074 – The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (Meaning of Public Body) (Wales) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

Corporate Joint Committees are corporate bodies, established via regulations made under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and consist of those principal councils



(and in some circumstances National Park authorities) in Wales which are specified in the establishment regulations.

These <u>Regulations</u> amend the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 so that when Corporate Joint Committees exercise or perform any function in relation to, or affecting, land in a National Park they must have regard to the following purposes:

- (a) conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area; and
- (b) promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the area by the public.

These Regulations form a package of amendments to legislation that will underpin all Corporate Joint Committees and put in place the necessary legislative framework for the effective administration and governance of Corporate Joint Committees.

Parent Act: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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SL(6)075 – The Equality Act 2010 (Authorities subject to a duty regarding Socio-economic Inequalities) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

Corporate Joint Committees are corporate bodies, established via regulations made under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and consist of those principal councils (and in some circumstances National Park authorities) in Wales which are specified in the establishment regulations.

These <u>Regulations</u> amend section 1 of Equality Act 2010 ("the Act") in order to add Corporate Joint Committees, to the list of relevant authorities subject to the public sector socio-economic inequalities duty.

The Regulations form a package of amendments to legislation that will underpin all Corporate Joint Committees and put in place a legislative framework for the administration and governance of Corporate Joint Committees.

Parent Act: Equality Act 2010



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SL(6)076 – The Child Poverty Strategy (Corporate Joint Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

Corporate Joint Committees are corporate bodies established via regulations made under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and consist of those principal councils (and in some circumstances National Park authorities) in Wales which are specified in the establishment regulations.

These <u>Regulations</u> are a result of the inclusion of Corporate Joint Committees in the list of relevant authorities required to make and demonstrate their contribution towards the eradication of child poverty in Wales, as provided by the Children and Families (Wales) (Measure) 2010 (Amendment to the List of Welsh Authorities) Regulations 2021.

The Regulations set out the requirements in terms of the preparation, review, renewal, publication and inspection of a child poverty strategy which must be prepared by Corporate Joint Committees under section 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010. The Regulations set out the duration of the first and subsequent child poverty strategies to be prepared by a Corporate Joint Committee, the timing and manner of their publication and inspection, the requirements in terms of reviewing the child poverty strategy and the consultation requirements.

The Regulations also amend the Child Poverty Strategy (Wales) Regulations 2011 so as to dis-apply those regulations to Corporate Joint Committees.

These Regulations form a package of amendments to legislation that will underpin all Corporate Joint Committees and put in place the necessary legislative framework for the effective administration and governance of Corporate Joint Committees.

Parent Act: Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010, Local Government and Elections

(Wales) Act 2021

Date Made:

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SL(6)078 – The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (Public Authorities subject to the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

Corporate Joint Committees are corporate bodies, established via regulations made under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and consist of those principal councils (and in some circumstances National Park authorities) in Wales which are specified in the establishment regulations.

These <u>Regulations</u> amend the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 3) to include Corporate Joint Committees within the definition of "public authority" in section 6(9) of that Act, to make them subject to the biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty ("the biodiversity duty"). As a result of these Regulations, Corporate Joint Committees will be required to consider the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales when making decisions.

Parent Act: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Date Made: Date Laid:

Coming into force date: 03 December 2021

SL(6)079 – The Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 (Amendment to the List of Welsh Authorities) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

Corporate Joint Committees are corporate bodies established via regulations made under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and consist of those principal councils (and in some circumstances National Park authorities) in Wales which are specified in the establishment regulations.

These <u>Regulations</u> amend the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 to add Corporate Joint Committees to the list of relevant authorities required to make and demonstrate their contribution towards the eradication of child poverty in Wales. The Regulations make Corporate Joint Committees subject to the same duties as principal councils in Wales in this regard. Corporate Joint Committees will be required therefore to prepare and publish a



strategy for contributing to the eradication of child poverty in Wales and set out the actions they intend to take to achieve the objectives within the strategy.

These Regulations form a package of amendments to legislation that will underpin all Corporate Joint Committees and put in place the necessary legislative framework for the effective administration and governance of Corporate Joint Committees.

Parent Act: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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SL(6)080 – The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

These <u>Regulations</u> make a number of provisions in relation to Corporate Joint Committees established under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

Corporate Joint Committees are corporate bodies, established via regulations in March 2021, and consist of those principal councils in Wales which are specified in the regulations establishing each Corporate Joint Committee. In some circumstances National Park authorities in Wales are also included in a Corporate Joint Committee; where this is the case this will also be set out in the relevant establishment regulations. In addition, Corporate Joint Committees will be able to co-opt individuals to be members of the Corporate Joint Committee. There are currently four Corporate Joint Committees established in Wales: the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee, the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee, the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee and the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee.

The overall intent in establishing Corporate Joint Committees is that a Corporate Joint Committee will be treated as part of or a member of the 'local government family' and largely subject to the same or similar powers and duties as local authorities in the way that they operate and are governed. The General No.2 Regulations form a package of standalone provision and amendments to legislation that will underpin all Corporate Joint Committees and put in place the necessary legislative framework for the effective administration and governance of a Corporate Joint Committee.

The provisions within these General No. 2 Regulations:

a. provide for the commencement of the various provisions within the Regulations;



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- b. provide that Corporate Joint Committees in Wales must appoint certain executive officers, namely a Chief Executive Officer, a Chief Finance Officer and a Monitoring Officer. They also make provision about certain functions to be exercised by each office holder within the Corporate Joint Committee and extend the remit of the Independent Remuneration Panel of Wales to CJCs and their members;
- c. make provision in relation to staff. For example, they extend the definition of a 'proper officer' in the Local Government Act 1972 to include Corporate Joint Committees and also apply provisions in Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to Corporate Joint Committees, providing that certain posts in Corporate Joint Committees are politically restricted. Holders of such posts may not be members of a Corporate Joint Committee, a county or county borough council in Wales or a fire and rescue authority in Wales;
- d. make provision permitting Corporate Joint Committees to make arrangements for their functions to be discharged by sub-committees, staff or in conjunction with other Corporate Joint Committees or with county and county borough councils in Wales;
- e. make detailed provision about meetings and proceedings of Corporate Joint Committees, for example about the means by which meetings may take place, public access to meetings, publication of papers and access to related documentation; and
- f. make a number of miscellaneous and consequential amendments to both primary and secondary legislation (including the regulations establishing the Mid Wales, North Wales, South West Wales and South East Wales Corporate Joint Committees) as a result of the establishment of Corporate Joint Committees and the other provisions in these Regulations.

Parent Act: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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SL(6)081 – The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Meaning of Public Body) (Wales) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

Corporate Joint Committees are corporate bodies, established via regulations made under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and consist of those principal councils (and in some circumstances National Park authorities) in Wales which are specified in the establishment regulations.

These <u>Regulations</u> amend the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 so that when Corporate Joint Committees exercise or perform any function in relation to, or affecting, land in an area of outstanding natural beauty they shall have regard to the purposes of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area.

These Regulations form a package of amendments to legislation that will underpin all Corporate Joint Committees and put in place the necessary legislative framework for the effective administration and governance of Corporate Joint Committees.

Parent Act: Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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Coming into force date: 03 December 2021