



School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013

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PART 3

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

CHAPTER 3

RATIONALISATION OF SCHOOL PLACES

Procedure for dealing with proposals under section 59

61 Local inquiry into proposals

- (1) This section applies where the Welsh Ministers have made proposals under section 59 (other than proposals made by virtue of section 62(1)) which they have not withdrawn.
- (2) If objections have been made in accordance with section 60(2), then, unless all objections so made have been withdrawn in writing within the 28 days referred to in that section, the Welsh Ministers must cause a local inquiry to be held.
- (3) The purpose of the local inquiry is to consider the Welsh Ministers' proposals, any other proposals the Welsh Ministers refer to the inquiry and the objections mentioned in subsection (2).
- (4) Proposals referred to a local inquiry under this section are to be determined under section 62, and sections 50, 51, 53, 54, 70 and 73 do not apply to them.
- (5) Where a local inquiry is required to be held, the Welsh Ministers must refer the proposals listed in subsection (6) to the inquiry if the proposals—
 - (a) have not been determined before the proceedings on the inquiry begin, and

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- (b) appear to the Welsh Ministers to be related to the proposals made under section 59 in respect of which the inquiry is to be held.
- (6) The proposals to be referred are—
- (a) any other proposals published under section 59 in relation to the area of the local authority (and not withdrawn);
 - (b) any proposals made by that authority in the exercise of their powers to make proposals to establish, alter or discontinue schools (and not withdrawn);
 - (c) any proposals made by the governing body of a foundation or voluntary school in the area in the exercise of its powers to make proposals to alter its school (and not withdrawn);
 - (d) any proposals made under section 68 or 71 (and not withdrawn).
- (7) If, before the proceedings on the inquiry begin, the Welsh Ministers form the opinion that any proposals should be implemented, subsection (5) does not require them to refer those proposals to the inquiry unless they form a different opinion before—
- (a) the proceedings on the inquiry are concluded, or
 - (b) (if earlier) the proposals are determined.
- (8) It is not open to the inquiry to question the principles specified in the direction under section 57(2).
- (9) References in this section to the determination of proposals are to—
- (a) a determination whether or not to adopt or approve the proposals under section 50, 51, 62, 70 or 73;
 - (b) a determination whether or not to implement the proposals under section 53;
 - (c) a determination whether or not to approve proposals referred to the Welsh Ministers under section 54.

Commencement Information

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 61(4) words substituted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 61(6)(d) words substituted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 61(8) words substituted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 61(9)(a) words substituted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(6\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 61(9)(b) words inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(6\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)

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- Pt. 3 Ch. 3A inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(7\)](#)
- s. 1(9A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 38(2)(ca) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 38(5)(ca) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 39(1)(ca) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 19(2)(c)(i) word inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 29\(12\)\(b\)](#)