



# Local Government Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 70

### PART II

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AND AUTHORITIES IN WALES

##### *Principal councils*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>21 Constitution of principal councils in Wales.

- (1) For every principal area in Wales there shall be a council consisting of a chairman and councillors.

[ Where a council falling within subsection (1) are operating executive arrangements <sup>F2</sup>(1A) which involve a mayor and cabinet executive <sup>F3</sup>..., the council shall consist of an elected mayor, a chairman and councillors.]

[ In such a case, a reference in this Act to a member of a council is a reference to—

- <sup>F4</sup>(1B) (a) the elected mayor of the council,  
(b) the chairman of the council, or  
(c) a councillor of the council.]

- (2) Each such council shall be a body corporate and shall have the functions given to them by this Act or otherwise.

- (3) Each council for a county in Wales shall have the name of the county with the addition—

- (a) in the case of their English name, of the words “County Council” or the word “Council” (as in “Cardiganshire County Council” or “Cardiganshire Council”); and  
(b) in the case of their Welsh name, of the word “Cyngor” (as in “Cyngor Sir Aberteifi”).

- (4) Each council for a county borough in Wales shall have the name of the county borough with the addition—

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- (a) in the case of their English name, of the words “County Borough Council” or the word “Council” (as in “Caerphilly County Borough Council” or “Caerphilly Council”); and
  - (b) in the case of their Welsh name, of the words “Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol” or the word “Cyngor” (as in “Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili” or “Cyngor Caerffili”).
- (5) In the case of Abertawe, Caerdydd and Powys subsection (3)(b) above shall have effect as if it required the addition of the words “Cyngor Sir”.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 21 substituted (20.3.1995) by 1994 c. 19, s. 2 (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1995/546, art. 3, **Sch.**
- F2** S. 21(1A) inserted (28.7.2001) by 2000 c. 22, ss. 46, 108(4), **Sch. 3 para. 4(1)(2)**
- F3** Words in s. 21(1A) repealed (10.7.2011) by Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (nawm 4), ss. 34(7)(a), 178(2), **Sch. 4 Pt. B**
- F4** S. 21(1B) inserted (30.12.2007) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), ss. 74, 245, **Sch. 3 para. 4(2)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)