

Appendix 1

(Cncl. = Full Council, Cab = Cabinet, AGC = Audit and Governance Committee, DSC = Democratic Services Committee SC = Standards Committee)

Provisions	Description	Provision in Force	Leading Department / Service	Preparation Steps / Resources	Timetable
Part 1 Elections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extend the Franchise to those aged 16 upwards and also eligible foreign citizens. Duty to raise awareness of the right. 2. The right for council officers to stand in an election without requiring them to resign if they are unsuccessful (with the exception of officers in politically restricted posts). 3. The right of a Council to choose the 'First Past the Post' or STV voting systems. 	<p>1 and 2 already in force (May 2022 elections)</p> <p>3. May 2022</p>	<p>1.2 Legal Services (Elections and Electoral Registration Team)</p> <p>3. Chief Executive.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Project Team is in place and an officer has been appointed to undertake the work of co-ordinating and engaging, together with other aspects of the Government grant. 2. To be included in information for prospective candidates and briefing by the Returning Officer. 3. This can be reported upon specifically to the new Council after the power comes into force in May 2022. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This cross-departmental work has started to establish a work programme which also includes wider registration and election administration matters.
Part 2 Chapter 1 General Power of competence for Local Authorities	<p>Grants a general power of competence to Principal Councils and eligible Town and Community Councils. The Council is dependent on a statutory right to undertake any activity. This provision gives general unlimited power to act to a specific function</p>	October 2021	Legal Services	Departmental and Cabinet Member Briefing Note	30 June 2021
Part 3 Promoting Access to Local Government,	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Right to hold formal meetings on a hybrid and virtual basis, but a Policy needs to be adopted 2. Provide remote attendance for member on a statutory basis 	1,2,3 In Force May 1 2021	Corporate Support Service	Democracy and Language Service to lead on matters involving remote attendance, participation and publishing agendas etc.	Reporting on 1,2,3 to DSC and CAB June 2021 with a report to Cncl. in

	<p>3. Incorporate changes in matters such as publishing meeting agendas and dealing with matters such as publishing decisions.</p> <p>4 A duty to encourage public participation in matters such as decision-making</p> <p>6. The requirement to adopt a Participation Strategy</p> <p>7. The requirement to adopt a Petitions Scheme</p> <p>8 Statutory requirement to web-cast a range of meetings.</p> <p>9. The requirement to publish Guidelines to the Constitution</p>	4- 9 In Force May 2022		Legal Services to lead on reviewing the Constitution and preparing Guidelines.	<p>July with a recommendation of a Virtual Meetings Policy.</p> <p>4-7 Report to CAB October 2021.</p> <p>8 DSC Report October 2021 with a request for resources to the 2022 bidding round.</p> <p>9. Draft to the AGC Committee October 2022.</p>
Part 4 - Local Authority Executives, Members, Officers and Committees	<p>1. To establish the post described as "Chief Executive" on a statutory footing with specific responsibilities.</p> <p>2. Allow appointing members as Cabinet Members assistants</p> <p>3. Allow job-sharing for Cabinet members</p> <p>4. Allow job sharing for Chairs and Vice-chairs</p> <p>5. Group Leaders to have statutory responsibility for the conduct of their members</p> <p>6. Give the Annual Standards Committee report to the Council a statutory footing.</p>	In Force May 2022.	1.4 Corporate Support Service 5,6 Monitoring Officer	<p>Legal Services to lead on reviewing the Constitution and Code of Conduct issues. The Chief Executive's job description already reflects the change.</p> <p>Awaiting the publishing of regulations on 2,3 and 4 and a further report will be given when they have been published.</p>	
Part 5 Collaborative Working by Principal Councils	<p>1. Ministerial power to establish Corporate Joint Committees ("CJCs"). These are a new type of local government body. They will be bodies in their own right with their own legal status.</p> <p>2. The core membership will consist of Council Leaders</p>	In Force	Gwynedd, as the Host Authority for the North Wales Economic Ambition Board leads on a project to respond to this new procedure. A work programme and feedback will be provided as a result of this work. The Project is led by the	<p>Brief Cncl. and CAB as part of awareness of the Act.</p> <p>Report on the implications of establishment regulations to Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees</p>	To be established, but the CJC will need to be operational for 2022 due to financial requirements.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Mandate Powers - Strategic Planning, Transportation, Economic Welfare and School Improvement. 4. Regulations published establishing a CJC for North Wales which will deal with the Strategic Development Plan, Strategic Transport Plan and Economic Well-being power. Functions operational from June 2022. 5. Two or more councils have the right to request to establish one through a statutory instrument. 		Leaders and Chief Executives at a regional level.		
PART 6 - Performance and Governance of Principal Councils and the Duty of a Principal Council to continuously review its performance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish the concept of statutory annual performance reports and consultation as part of the process 2. Appoint a "Panel" for assessing the Council's performance - 3. The need for setting Improvement Objectives (Best Value) is being removed 4. The requirement for 1/3 members of the Audit and Governance Committee to be lay members including the Chair - 5. Establishing and naming an Audit and Governance Committee is now statutory 6. Audit and Governance Committee to adopt the function of complaints procedure overview 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Force 2. May 2022 3. In Force 4. Will come into force in May 2022 5,6 In Force 	<p>Chief Executive and Finance Service in terms of Audit Committee arrangements</p> <p>Monitoring Officer to implement changes 5 and 6 to the Constitution.</p>	Brief Cncl. and CAB as part of awareness of the Act. AGC to lead	<p>1,2 Report to AGC and CAB July 2021</p> <p>5 and 6 Council Report as part of the Constitution reform programme.</p>
Part 7 - Mergers and Restructuring of Principal Areas	To establish a framework for a process of merging councils should such plans come forward	May 2022	Chief Executive	Brief Councillors and Cabinet as part of awareness for information	Already happened
Part 8 - Local Government Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Power to require information relating to hereditaments, relevant information in determining whether a person is liable to pay non-domestic rates. 2, Removal of power to provide for Imprisonment of Council Tax Debtors which incorporates in an Act what is already operational through Regulations. 	In Force	Finance Service	Brief Cncl. and CAB as part of awareness for information	Already underway

Part 9 - Miscellaneous	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Afford the Head of Democracy Services post statutory chief officer protection status. 2. Removal of restriction that prevents the Monitoring Officer from being the Head of Democracy Services. 3. Provisions relating to merging and demerging Public Services Boards. 	May 2022	<p>Corporate Support Service</p> <p>Monitoring Officer to carry out mandatory adaptations to the Constitution.</p>		
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