WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 1849 (W.192)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES

The Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006

Made - - - -	*11 July 2006*
Coming into force - -	*14 July 2006*

The National Assembly for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 53(11), 54A(5)(a) and 56(5) of the Local Government Act 2000(**1**) hereby makes the following Regulations:

Title, commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and these Regulations come into force on 14 July 2006.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

(3) In these Regulations—

"the 2001 Regulations" ("*Rheoliadau 2001*") means the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001(**2**).

Amendments to the 2001 Regulations

2. The 2001 Regulations are amended as follows.

3. In regulation 2—

(a) in the appropriate place in alphabetical order insert—

""community sub-committee" ("*is-bwyllgor cymunedol*") means a sub-committee appointed by a standards committee of a local authority under section 56 of the 2000 Act;";

(b) in the appropriate place in alphabetical order insert—

""section 54A sub-committee" ("*is-bwyllgor adran 54A*") means a sub-committee appointed by a standards committee of a relevant authority under section 54A(1) of the 2000 Act;";

(**1**) 2000 c. 22; section 53(11) was amended by section 35, Schedule 4, paragraphs 1 and 4 of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 (c. 10); and section 54A was inserted by section 113 of the Local Government Act 2003 (c. 26).

(**2**) S.I.2001/2283 (W.172) as amended by S.I. 2005/2929 (W.214).

(c) in the definition of "standards committee", for "includes a sub-committee of a standards committee;" substitute "includes a section 54A sub-committee and a community sub-committee."; and

(d) omit the definition of "sub-committee of a standards committee".

4. For regulation 3, substitute—

"**3.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) a standards committee shall consist of not less than five nor more than nine members.

(2) A section 54A sub-committee shall consist of not less than three members.".

5. For regulation 10, there is substituted—

"**10.**—(1) The membership of a standards committee of a local authority which is to discharge functions in relation to—

(a) community councils which are situated in that local authority's area; and

(b) the members of those community councils,

shall include at least one community committee member.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) the appointment of a community committee member to a standards committee of a local authority which is to discharge the functions described in sub-paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) shall be made by that local authority.

(3) Before making an appointment under paragraph (2) the local authority shall consult —

(a) community councils which are situated within its area; and

(b) community council associations established for and operating within that area (if any).".

6. After regulation 18, insert—

"**18A.**—(1) The term of office of a member of a local authority standards committee who is a community committee member shall be no more than—

(a) four years; or

(b) the period until the ordinary elections for the community council of which the community committee member is a member next following the appointment of that person as a community committee member of that committee,

whichever is the shorter.

(2) A community committee member shall cease to be a member of a local authority standards committee if that member ceases to be a member of a community council within the area of the local authority concerned.".

7. For paragraph (2) of regulation 21, substitute—

"(2) Subject to paragraph (4) an independent member of the standards committee of a relevant authority may be reappointed by that relevant authority for one further consecutive term.

(3) In reappointing an independent member under paragraph (2), the relevant authority is not obliged to comply with the requirements imposed by regulations 13 to 17.

(4) Where an independent member is reappointed under paragraph (2), that further consecutive term shall not exceed four years.".

8. After regulation 21, insert—