

# C(5)042 – The Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (Commencement) Order 2020

## Background and Purpose

This Order brings section 28 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (the Act), which makes provision about financial and oversight arrangements of the Electoral Commission, fully into force on 1 October 2020.

## Procedure

No procedure – the Order is not required to be laid before the Senedd.

## Scrutiny under Standing Order 21.7

We note the provisions of the Act commenced by this Order, and the update provided by the First Minister in a [letter](#) to the Llywydd dated 28 September 2020, in particular:

*I am writing further to my letter of 4 June 2020, in which I asked Business Committee to initiate work to implement the provisions in section 28 of and Schedule 2 to the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 which relate to the financing and accountability of the Electoral Commission.*

*I indicated that the Welsh Government would bring forward an Order to bring into force those provisions, subject to the completion of the necessary Standing Order changes, the establishment of a Llywydd's Committee, and the negotiation of an inter-institutional funding agreement.*

*As sufficient progress has been made in respect of that work, I consider the conditions I set out are met. I am therefore pleased to confirm that I will bring into force the relevant provisions on 1 October.*

## Implications arising from exiting the European Union

None.

## Government response

A Welsh Government response is not required.

## Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the Order at its meeting on 12 October 2020 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting point above.

