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**The Standards Committees (Grant  
of Dispensations) (Wales)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2023**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend regulation 1(3) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/2279 (W.169)) (“the 2001 Regulations”) to add corporate joint committees established under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1) to the definition of “relevant authority”.

The 2001 Regulations set out the procedure for granting dispensations from prohibitions in the code of conduct for members or co-opted members of the standards committees of relevant authorities.

These Regulations are connected with regulations which established certain corporate joint committees under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to the regulations which establish corporate joint committees and connected orders and regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment was prepared at the time of making those establishment regulations and is relied upon for the purpose of these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Local Government Strategic Finance Division, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.

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*Made* 12 September 2023

*Laid before Senedd Cymru* 14 September 2023

*Coming into force* 9 October 2023

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 81(5)(a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 2000<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Title and coming into force**

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 9 October 2023.

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(1) 2000 c. 22. Section 81(5) amended by the Localism Act 2011 (c. 20) Schedule 4 paragraph 48(2) substituting the words “Welsh Ministers” for “Secretary of State”. Section 81(5) renumbered as section 81(5)(a) and (b) inserted by section 69(3)(b) of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 anaw 4. Regulation 3(2)(a) of S.I. 2022/372 (W. 92) inserted corporate joint committees to the definition of “relevant authority” in section 49 of the 2000 Act. Section 49 is contained in Part 3 of the 2000 Act which concerns the conduct of local government members and employees.

**Amendment of regulation 1(3) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001**

2. In regulation 1(3) of the Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001<sup>(1)</sup>, in the definition of “relevant authority”, after “community council,” insert “a corporate joint committee established by regulations made under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021,”.

*Rebecca Evans*

Minister for Finance and Local Government, one of  
the Welsh Ministers  
12 September 2023

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(1) S.I. 2001/2279 (W. 169) amended by S.I. 2005/2929 (W. 214) and S.I. 2016/85 (W. 39).