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**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

## **The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2007**

The Local Government Act 2000 enables the National Assembly to specify which local authorities may operate "alternative arrangements" i.e. arrangements which for the discharge of the authority's function which do not involve the the creation and operation of an executive of the authority.

These Regulations permit all county and county borough in Wales to operate alternative arrangements provided that such arrangements are in the form required buy the Regulations. They also consolidate Regulations previously made by replacing and revoking the Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements)(Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended).

### **Standing Order 11.7**

The following points have been identified for reporting under Standing Order 11.7.

The Welsh text of regulation 6(1) includes the word "ac" after paragraph (b) suggesting that both paragraphs (b) and (c) must be complied with; the English text does not include a corresponding 'and'. [Standing Order 11.7(v)]

Regulation 8(1)(a) contains a cross-reference to regulation 6(2). Regulation 6(2) relates to chairing of principal scrutiny committees and other scrutiny committees whereas the cross-reference is intended to relate to functions excluded form the functions which may be conferred on area committees. It is

considered that the correct cross-reference is to regulations 6(3). [Standing Order 11.7(v)]

Given that the cross-reference in regulation 8(5) is intended to refer to a provision which permits the exercise of an area committee's function by sub-committee, the reference to paragraph (2) of regulation 8 is incorrect. (Paragraph (2) relates to the number of area committees to be established and to the membership thereof). It is considered that the correct cross-reference is to paragraph (4) of regulation 8. [Standing Order 11.7(v)]

The above-mentioned minor drafting errors are suitable for correction by Memorandum of Correction.

## **Observations**

The drafting lawyer has been notified of various typographical errors which may be corrected on publication.

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