



# Local Government Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 70

### PART XI

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

##### *Documents and notices, etc.*

#### **224 Arrangements by principal councils for custody of documents.**

[<sup>F1</sup>(1)] Without prejudice to the powers of the custos rotulorum to give directions as to the documents of any county, a principal council shall make proper arrangements with respect to any documents which belong to or are in the custody of the council or any of their officers.

[<sup>F2</sup>(2) This section applies to a joint authority [<sup>F3</sup>, economic prosperity board][<sup>F4</sup>, combined authority or combined county authority]<sup>F5</sup> ... as it applies to a principal council.]

[<sup>F6</sup>(3) In subsection (1) above “county”, in relation to Wales, means a preserved county.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 244 renumbered as s. 244(1) as provided by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, [Sch. 14 para. 22](#)
- F2** S. 224(2) inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, [Sch. 14 Pt. I para. 22](#)
- F3** Words in s. 224(2) inserted (17.12.2009) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 119, 148(6), [Sch. 6 para. 25](#); S.I. 2009/3318, [art. 2\(e\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 224(2) substituted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 38](#) (with s. 247)
- F5** Words repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), [Sch. 13 Pt. I](#)
- F6** S. 224(3) added (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 19, s. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 7](#) (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#)); S.I. 1995/3198, [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1](#)

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#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 224 amended by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 12(g)**
- C2** S. 224 modified (07.08.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1773](#), art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**.  
S. 224: certain functions transferred (07.08.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1773](#), art. 8, **Sch. 2**.
- C3** S. 224 modified (10.01.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2913](#), art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**.  
S. 224 : certain functions transferred (10.01.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2913](#), art. 8, **Sch. 2**.  
S. 224 extended (5.7.1994) by [1994 c. 19](#), ss. 39(2), 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 19(g)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#))  
S. 224 modified (1.4.1995) by [S.I. 1995/401](#), art. 18, **Sch. para. 1(e)**  
S. 224 applied (*temp.* from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by [S.I. 1995/1042](#), **art. 4(1)**  
S. 224 extended (19.9.1995) by [1995 c. 25](#), ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 17(2)(a)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, [Sch. 8 para. 7](#))  
S. 224 extended (8.5.2000) by [1999 c. 29](#), **s. 75** (with [Sch. 12 para. 9\(1\)](#)); [S.I. 2000/801](#), art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C4** S. 224 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by [The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1777\)](#), **art. 21(2)(b)**  
S. 224 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by [The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1778\)](#), **art. 21(2)(b)**
- C5** Ss. 224-234 applied (with modifications) (E.) (24.3.2011) by [The Hull and Goole Port Health Authority Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/939\)](#), arts. 1(1), 7, **Sch. 1**
- C6** S. 224 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C7** S. 224 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**
- C8** S. 224(2) amended by [S.I. 1985/1884](#), art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C9** S. 224(2) modified by [S.I. 1987/2110](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

#### 225 Deposit of documents with proper officer of authority, etc.

- (1) In any case in which a document of any description is deposited with the proper officer of a local authority, or with the chairman of a parish or community council or with the chairman of a parish meeting, pursuant to the standing orders of either House of Parliament or to any enactment or instrument, the proper officer or chairman, as the case may be, shall receive and retain the document in the manner and for the purposes directed by the standing orders or enactment or instrument, and shall make such notes or endorsements on, and give such acknowledgments and receipts in respect of, the document as may be so directed.
- (2) All documents required by any enactment or instrument to be deposited with the proper officer of a parish or community shall, in the case of a parish or community not having a separate parish or community council, be deposited in England with the chairman of the parish meeting or in Wales with the proper officer of the <sup>[F7]</sup>principal council].
- <sup>[F8]</sup>(3) In this section “local authority” includes a joint authority <sup>[F9]</sup>, a corporate joint committee<sup>[F10]</sup>, an economic prosperity board <sup>[F11]</sup>, a combined authority and a combined county authority<sup>]]</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

- F7** Words in s. 225(2) substituted (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 19](#), s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 46** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 1996/396](#), art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F8** S. 225(3) inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, **Sch. 14 para. 23**

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- F9** Words in s. 225(3) inserted (25.3.2022) by The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/372), regs. 1(2), **26**
- F10** Words in s. 225(3) inserted (17.12.2009) by Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20), ss. 119, 148(6), **Sch. 6 para. 26**; S.I. 2009/3318, **art. 2(c)**
- F11** Words in s. 225(3) substituted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 39** (with s. 247)

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C5** Ss. 224-234 applied (with modifications) (E.) (24.3.2011) by The Hull and Goole Port Health Authority Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/939), arts. 1(1), 7, **Sch. 1**
- C10** S. 225 amended by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 121(g)**
- C11** S. 225 modified (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**.  
S. 225: certain functions transferred (7.8.1991) by S.I. 1991/1773, art. 8, **Sch. 2**.
- C12** S. 225 modified (10.1.1992) by S.I. 1991/2913, art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**.  
S. 225: certain functions transferred (10.1.1992) by S.I. 1991/2913, art. 8, **Sch. 2**  
S. 225 extended (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 19, ss. 39(2), 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 19(g)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), **Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)**)  
S. 225 applied (*temp.* from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by S.I. 1995/1042, **art. 4(1)**  
S. 225 modified (1.4.1995) by S.I. 1995/401, art. 18, **Sch. para. 1(e)**  
S. 225 extended (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 17(2)(a)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, **Sch. 8 para. 7**)  
S. 225 extended (8.5.2000) by 1999 c. 29, **s. 75** (with **Sch. 12 para. 9(1)**); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C13** S. 225 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by The Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2734), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**
- C14** S. 225 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by The Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2734), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C15** S. 225(1) applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1777), **art. 21(2)(b)**  
S. 225(1) applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1778), **art. 21(2)(b)**
- C16** S. 225(3) amended by S.I. 1985/1884, art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C17** S. 225(3) modified by S.I. 1987/2110, **art. 2** (2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

## **226 Custody of parish and community documents.**

- (1) All specified papers of a parish or community shall—
- in the case of a parish which is co-extensive with an existing rural parish, remain in the same custody as before 1st April 1974; and
  - in the case of any other parish or any community, be in the custody of the body to which the documents of that area, other than documents of a specified class, are transferred on that date;

but the parish or community council or, in the case of a parish or community not having a separate parish or community council, the parish meeting in England or the [<sup>F12</sup>principal council] in Wales may direct that any such papers shall be deposited in such custody as may be specified in the direction.

- (2) Nothing in this Act shall affect the custody of registers of baptisms, marriages and burials and of all other documents containing entries wholly or partly relating to the affairs of the church, as defined by the <sup>M1</sup>Local Government Act 1894, or to ecclesiastical charities, as so defined, except documents directed by law to be kept with the papers of a parish or community.

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- (3) Any person having the custody of any documents mentioned in subsection (2) above shall have reasonable access to the papers mentioned in subsection (1) above and—
- (a) in a parish or community having a separate parish or community council, that council;
  - (b) in any other parish, the parish meeting;
  - (c) in any other community, the [<sup>F12</sup>principal council]; and
  - (d) in any area in England not falling within paragraph (a) or (b) above, the district council, London borough council or Common Council, as the case may be;
- shall have reasonable access to the documents mentioned in subsection (2) above.
- (4) Any difference about the custody of or access to any documents mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) above shall, if the area is in [<sup>F13</sup>Wales or in] a [<sup>F14</sup>metropolitan district,] London borough or the City, be determined by the Secretary of State and in any other case by the county council.
- (5) [<sup>F15</sup>The council of every county or metropolitan district] shall from time to time enquire into the manner in which specified papers under the control of a parish <sup>F16</sup> . . . or parish meeting [<sup>F17</sup>in their area] are kept with a view to their proper preservation, and shall make such orders as they think necessary for their preservation, and those orders shall be complied with by the parish <sup>F16</sup> . . . or parish meeting.
- [<sup>F18</sup>(6) Subsection (5) above shall also apply in relation to community councils but as if the functions conferred by it were functions of the principal council.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F12** Words in s. 226(1)(3)(c) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 47(2)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F13** Words in s. 226(4) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 47(3)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F14** Words inserted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 16, **Sch. 8 para. 22(2)(a)**
- F15** Words substituted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 16, **Sch. 8 para. 22(2)(b)**
- F16** Words in s. 226(5) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5)(8), Sch. 15 para. 47(4), **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F17** Words inserted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1) s. 16, Sch. 8 para. 22(2)(b)
- F18** S. 226(6) added (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 47(5)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**

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- C18** S. 226 modified (07.08.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**.  
S. 226: certain functions transferred (07.08.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8, **Sch. 2**

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1894 c. 73 (56 & 57 Vict.).

## 227 Provision of depositories for parish and community documents.

- (1) In the case of a parish or community having a separate parish or community council that council or, if they so request, the council of the district in which the parish <sup>F19</sup> . . .

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is situated [<sup>F20</sup>or the council of the principal area in which the community is situated], shall provide proper depositories for all the specified papers belonging to the parish or community for which no provision is otherwise made.

- (2) In the case of a parish or community not having a separate parish or community council, the council of the district in which the parish <sup>F19</sup> . . . is situated [<sup>F20</sup>or the council of the principal area in which the community is situated] shall provide proper depositories for all the specified papers under the control of the parish meeting or belonging to the community but in England only with the consent of the parish meeting of the parish.

#### Textual Amendments

- F19** Words in s. 227(1)(2) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5)(8), Sch. 15 para. 48, **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F20** Words in s. 227(1)(2) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 48** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** Ss. 224-234 applied (with modifications) (E.) (24.3.2011) by [The Hull and Goole Port Health Authority Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/939\)](#), arts. 1(1), 7, **Sch. 1**
- C19** S. 227 modified (07.08.1991) by S.I.1991/1773 art.8(2), Sch. 2  
S. 227: certain functions transferred (07.08.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8, **Sch. 2**

## 228 Inspection of documents.

[<sup>F21</sup>(A1) A copy of the minutes of proceedings of a community council must, so far as reasonably practicable, be supplied on request to a local government elector for the area of the council; and a reasonable fee may be charged for providing a copy of the minutes.]

- (1) The minutes of proceedings of a [<sup>F22</sup>parish <sup>F23</sup>... council] shall be open to the inspection of any local government elector for the area of the [<sup>F22</sup>the council] and any such local government elector may make a copy of or extract from the minutes.
- (2) A local government elector for the area of a local authority may inspect and make a copy of or extract from an order for the payment of money made by the local authority.
- (3) The accounts of a local authority and of any proper officer of a local authority shall be open to the inspection of any member of the authority, and any such member may make a copy of or extract from the accounts.

<sup>F24</sup>(4) . . . . .

- (5) Subject to any provisions to the contrary in any other enactment or instrument, a person interested in any document deposited as mentioned in section 225 above may, at all reasonable hours, inspect and make copies thereof or extracts therefrom on payment to the person having custody thereof of the sum of 10p for every such inspection, and of the further sum of 10p for every hour during which such inspection continues after the first hour.
- (6) A document directed by [<sup>F25</sup>any of subsections (1) to (5) of] this section to be open to inspection shall be so open at all reasonable hours and, except where otherwise expressly provided, without payment.

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- (7) If a person having the custody of any such document—
- (a) obstructs any person entitled to inspect the document or to make a copy thereof or extract therefrom in inspecting the document or making a copy or extract,
  - (b) refuses to give copies or extracts to any person entitled to obtain copies or extracts,
- he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F26</sup>level 1 on the standard scale].
- [<sup>F27</sup>(7A) This section shall apply to the minutes of proceedings and the accounts of a joint authority [<sup>F28</sup>, an economic prosperity board, [<sup>F29</sup>, a combined authority or a combined county authority]]<sup>F30</sup> ... <sup>F31</sup> ... <sup>F32</sup> ... as if that authority were a local authority and as if, <sup>F33</sup> ..., references to a local government elector for the area of the authority were a reference to a local government elector for any local government area in the area for which the authority is established.]
- <sup>F34</sup>(7B) .....
- (8) This section shall apply to the minutes of proceedings and to the accounts of a parish meeting as if that meeting were a [<sup>F35</sup>parish council].
- [<sup>F36</sup>(9) In relation to the Broads Authority, the references in this section to a local government elector for the area of the authority shall be construed as references to a local government elector for the area of any of the local authorities mentioned in section 1(3) (a) of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988.]
- [<sup>F37</sup>(10) Subsections (2) to (7) apply to a corporate joint committee as they apply to a local authority and, in that application, references to a local government elector for the area of the authority are to be read as references to a local government elector for any local government area in the area specified as the corporate joint committee's area in regulations under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 establishing the corporate joint committee.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F21** S. 228(A1) inserted (W.) (temp.) by virtue of S.I. 2020/442, reg. 24(a) (with reg. 19) (as inserted (21.7.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/653\)](#), regs. 1(2), 3)
- F22** Words substituted by [Local Government \(Access to Information\) Act 1985 \(c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 2 para. 6\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F23** Words in s. 228(1) omitted (1.5.2021) by virtue of [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(7), [Sch. 4 para. 11](#); S.I. 2021/354, reg. 2(c) (with reg. 3)
- F24** S. 228(4) repealed by [Local Government Finance Act 1982 \(c. 32, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 38(5), [Sch. 6 Pt. IV](#)
- F25** Words in s. 228(6) inserted (W.) (temp.) by virtue of S.I. 2020/442, reg. 24(c) (with reg. 19) (as inserted (21.7.2020) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/653\)](#), regs. 1(2), 3)
- F26** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#)
- F27** S. 228(7A) inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, [Sch. 14 para. 24](#)
- F28** Words in s. 228(7A) inserted (17.12.2009) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 119, 148\(6\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 27](#); S.I. 2009/3318, [art. 2\(c\)](#)
- F29** Words in s. 228(7A) substituted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 40](#) (with s. 247)
- F30** Words in s. 228(7A) omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 110\(b\)](#); S.I. 2011/3019, [art. 3, Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 31](#))

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- F31** Words in s. 228(7A) repealed (1.4.2002) by 2001 c. 16, s. 137, **Sch. 7 Pt. 5(1)**; S.I. 2002/344, **art. 3(j)(m)** (with transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F32** Words repealed by Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. 1**
- F33** Words repealed by Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. 1**
- F34** S. 228(7B) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), s. 115(7), **Sch. 13 para. 6(7)(n)**; S.I. 2015/994, art. 6(g)
- F35** Words substituted by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (c. 43, SIF 81:1, 2), s. 3, **Sch. 2 para. 6(2)(b)**
- F36** S. 228(9) added by Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4, SIF 81:1), ss. 21, 23(2), 27(2), **Sch. 6 para. 10(8)**
- F37** S. 228(10) inserted (25.3.2022) by The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/372), regs. 1(2), **27**

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- C20** S. 228 modified (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art.8(2), **Sch. 2**  
S. 228: certain functions transferred (7.8.1991) by S.I. 1991/1773, art. 8, **Sch. 2**  
S. 228 applied (with modifications) (28.6.1995) by 1995 c. iii, s. 26, **Sch. 1**  
S. 228 extended (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 17(2)(b)**  
S. 228 applied (temp. from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by S.I. 1995/1042, **art. 4(1)**  
S. 228: power to make provisions about matters of the kind dealt with in this section conferred (1.9.1997) by 1997 c. 50, s. 44(1), **Sch. 4(a)(xiii)**; S.I. 1997/1930, **art. 2(1)(2)(m)**  
S. 228 extended (8.5.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 75 (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C21** S. 228 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1777), **art. 21(2)(c)**  
S. 228 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1778), **art. 21(2)(c)**
- C22** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by The Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2734), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C23** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by The Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2734), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**
- C24** S. 228(1) applied (1.4.2009) by The Charter Trustees Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/467), regs. 8(5), **9(7)**
- C25** S. 228(2)(3) amended by S.I. 1989/1815, art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 5(c)**
- C26** S. 228(7A) amended by S.I. 1985/1884, art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C27** S. 228(7A) modified by S.I. 1987/2110, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

## **229 Photographic copies of documents.**

- (1) Subject to subsections (3) and (7) below, any requirement imposed by any enactment that a local authority or parish meeting shall keep a document of any description shall be satisfied by their keeping a photographic copy of the document.
- (2) Subject to subsection (7) below, any requirement imposed by any enactment that a document of any description in the custody or under the control of a local authority or parish meeting shall be made available for inspection shall be satisfied by their making available for inspection a photographic copy of the document.

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- (3) Subsection (1) above shall not apply to any document deposited with a local authority under the <sup>M2</sup>Public Records Act 1958.
- (4) In legal proceedings a photographic copy of a document in the custody of a local authority or parish meeting, or of a document which has been destroyed while in the custody of a local authority or parish meeting, or of any part of any such document, shall, subject to subsection (6) below, be admissible in evidence to the like extent as the original.
- (5) A certificate purporting to be signed by the proper officer of the local authority, or the chairman of the parish meeting, concerned that a document is such a photographic copy as is mentioned in subsection (4) above, shall, subject to subsection (7) below, be evidence to that effect.
- (6) The court before which a photographic copy is tendered in evidence in pursuance of subsection (4) above may, if the original is in existence, require its production and thereupon that subsection shall not apply to the copy.
- (7) A photographic copy of a document in colour where the colours are relevant to the interpretation of the document shall not suffice for the purposes of this section unless it so distinguishes between the colours as to enable the document to be interpreted.
- (8) In this section “court” and “legal proceedings” have the same meanings as in the <sup>M3</sup>Civil Evidence Act 1968 [<sup>F38</sup>and “local authority” includes [<sup>F39</sup>a corporate joint committee,] a joint authority, [<sup>F40</sup>an economic prosperity board, a combined authority]<sup>F41</sup>... [<sup>F42</sup>, [<sup>F43</sup>a combined county authority,]<sup>F44</sup>a fire and rescue authority created by an order under section 4A of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004,] a police and crime commissioner and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime]<sup>F45</sup>...<sup>F46</sup>...]

#### Textual Amendments

- F38** Words inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, **Sch. 14 para. 25**
- F39** Words in s. 229(8) inserted (25.3.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/372\)](#), regs. 1(2), **28**
- F40** Words in s. 229(8) inserted (17.12.2009) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 119, 148(6), **Sch. 6 para. 28**; S.I. 2009/3318, **art. 2(c)**
- F41** Words in s. 229(8) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 13 para. 6(7)(o)**; S.I. 2015/994, art. 6(g)
- F42** Words in s. 229(8) substituted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 111**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 32)
- F43** Words in s. 229(8) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 41** (with s. 247)
- F44** Words in s. 229(8) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 28**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, Sch. para. 38
- F45** Words in s. 229(8) repealed (1.4.2002) by 2001 c. 16, s. 137, **Sch. 7 Pt. 5(1)**; S.I. 2002/344, **art. 3(j)(m)** (with transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F46** Words repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. I**



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- C5** Ss. 224-234 applied (with modifications) (E.) (24.3.2011) by [The Hull and Goole Port Health Authority Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/939\)](#), arts. 1(1), 7, **Sch. 1**
- C22** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C23** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**
- C28** S. 229 amended by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 12(g)**
- C29** S. 229 modified (7.8.1991) by [S.I.1991/1773](#), art.8(2), **Sch. 2**  
S. 229: certain functions transferred (7.8.1991) by [S.I.1991/1773](#), art. 8, **Sch. 2**  
S. 229 extended (5.7.1994) by [1994 c. 19](#), ss. 39(2), 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 19(g)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#))  
S. 229 modified (1.4.1995) by [S.I. 1995/401](#), art. 18, **Sch. para. 1(e)**  
S. 229 applied (temp. from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by [S.I. 1995/1042](#), **art. 4(1)**  
S. 229 extended (19.9.1995) by [1995 c. 25](#), ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 17(2)(b)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, [Sch. 8 para. 7](#))  
S. 229: power to make provisions about matters of the kind dealt with in this section conferred (1.9.1997) by [1997 c. 50](#), s. 44(1), **Sch. 4(a)(xiii)**; [S.I. 1997/1930](#), **art. 2(1)(2)(m)**  
S. 229 extended (8.5.2000) by [1999 c. 29](#), s. 75 (with [Sch. 12 para. 9\(1\)](#)); [S.I. 2000/801](#), art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C30** S. 229 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by [The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1777\)](#), **art. 21(2)(c)**  
S. 229 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by [The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1778\)](#), **art. 21(2)(c)**
- C31** S. 229(8) amended by [S.I. 1985/1884](#), art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C32** S. 229(8) modified by [S.I. 1987/2110](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

#### Marginal Citations

- M2** 1958 c. 51.  
**M3** 1968 c. 64.

## 230 Reports and returns.

[<sup>F47</sup>(1)] Every local authority, every joint board and every joint committee of local authorities shall send the Secretary of State such reports and returns, and give him such information with respect to their functions, as he may require or as may be required by either House of Parliament.

[<sup>F48</sup>(2) In this section “local authority” includes a joint authority [<sup>F49</sup>, an economic prosperity board][<sup>F50</sup>, a combined authority and a combined county authority]<sup>F51</sup>... .]

#### Textual Amendments

- F47** S. 230 renumbered as S. 230(1) as provided by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, **Sch. 14 Pt. 1 para. 26**
- F48** S. 230(2) inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, **Sch. 14 Pt. 1 para. 26**
- F49** Words in s. 230(2) inserted (17.12.2009) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 119, 148(6), **Sch. 6 para. 29**; [S.I. 2009/3318](#), **art. 2(c)**
- F50** Words in s. 230(2) substituted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 42** (with s. 247)
- F51** Words repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. 1**

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- C22** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C23** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**
- C33** S. 230 modified by [Housing and Building Control Act 1984 \(c. 29, SIF 61\)](#), s. 50
- C34** S. 230 amended by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 12(g)**  
S. 230 amended (28.4.1994) by [S.I. 1994/2825](#), **reg. 18**
- C35** S. 230 modified (07.08.1991) by [S.I.1991/1773](#) art.8(2), Sch. 2  
S. 230: certain functions transferred (07.08.1991) by [S.I.1991/1773](#), art. 8, **Sch.2**  
S. 230 extended (5.7.1994) by [1994 c. 19](#), ss. 39(2), 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 19(g)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17](#) paras. 22(1), 23(2))  
S. 230 modified (1.4.1995) by [S.I. 1995/401](#), art. 18, **Sch. para. 1(e)**  
S. 230 extended (19.9.1995) by [1995 c. 25](#), ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 17(2)(c)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, [Sch. 8](#) para. 7)  
S. 230 extended (8.5.2000) by [1999 c. 29](#), s. 75 (with [Sch. 12](#) para. 9(1)); [S.I. 2000/801](#), art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C36** S. 230 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by [The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1777\)](#), **art. 21(2)(d)**  
S. 230 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by [The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1778\)](#), **art. 21(2)(d)**
- C37** S. 230(2) amended by [S.I. 1985/1884](#), art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C38** S. 230(2) modified by [S.I. 1987/2110](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

### 231 Service of notices on local authorities, etc.

- (1) Subject to subsection (3) below, any notice, order or other document required or authorised by any enactment or any instrument made under an enactment to be given to or served on a local authority or the chairman or an officer of a local authority shall be given or served by addressing it to the local authority and leaving it at, or sending it by post to, the principal office of the authority or any other office of the authority specified by them as one at which they will accept documents of the same description as that document.
  - (2) Any notice, order or other document so required or authorised to be given to or served on a parish meeting, or the chairman of the parish meeting, shall be given or served by addressing it to the chairman of the parish meeting and by delivering it to him, or by leaving it at his last known address, or by sending it by post to him at that address.
  - (3) The foregoing provisions of this section do not apply to a document which is to be given or served in any proceedings in court, but except as aforesaid the methods of giving or serving documents provided for by those provisions are in substitution for the methods provided for by any other enactment or any instrument made under an enactment so far as it relates to the giving or service of documents to or on a local authority, the chairman or an officer of a local authority or a parish meeting or the chairman of a parish meeting.
- <sup>F52</sup>(4) In this section “local authority” includes <sup>F53</sup>a corporate joint committee,] a joint authority, <sup>F54</sup>an economic prosperity board, a combined authority<sup>F55</sup>... <sup>F56</sup>, <sup>F57</sup>a combined county authority,]<sup>F58</sup>a fire and rescue authority created by an order

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under section 4A of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004,] a police and crime commissioner and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime ]<sup>F59</sup> ... <sup>F60</sup> ....]

- [<sup>F61</sup>(5) In the application of subsection (1) to a corporate joint committee—
- (a) references to the chairman are to be read as references to the chairperson of the corporate joint committee, and
  - (b) references to the principal office are to be read as references to—
    - (i) the principal office of the corporate joint committee, or
    - (ii) a principal office of a local authority for a county or county borough in Wales which is within the area specified as the corporate joint committee's area in regulations under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 establishing the corporate joint committee.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F52** S. 231(4) inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, **Sch. 14 Pt. 1 para. 27**
- F53** Words in s. 231(4) inserted (25.3.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/372\)](#), regs. 1(2), **29(a)**
- F54** Words in s. 231(4) inserted (17.12.2009) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 119, 148(6), **Sch. 6 para. 30**; S.I. 2009/3318, **art. 2(c)**
- F55** Words in s. 231(4) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 13 para. 6(7)(q)**; S.I. 2015/994, art. 6(g)
- F56** Words in s. 231(4) substituted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 112**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 33)
- F57** Words in s. 231(4) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2) (c), **Sch. 4 para. 43** (with s. 247)
- F58** Words in s. 231(4) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 29**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, Sch. para. 38
- F59** Words in s. 231(4) repealed (1.4.2002) by 2001 c. 16, s. 137, **Sch. 7 Pt. 5(1)**; S.I. 2002/344, **art. 3(j)(m)** (with transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F60** Words repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. 1**
- F61** S. 231(5) inserted (25.3.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/372\)](#), regs. 1(2), **29(b)**

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- C5** Ss. 224-234 applied (with modifications) (E.) (24.3.2011) by [The Hull and Goole Port Health Authority Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/939\)](#), arts. 1(1), 7, **Sch. 1**
- C22** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C23** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**
- C39** S. 231 amended by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 12(g)**
- C40** S. 231 modified (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**
- S. 231: certain functions transferred (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8, **Sch. 2**
- S. 231 extended (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 19, ss. 39(2), 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 19(g)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2))
- S. 231 modified (1.4.1995) by S.I. 1995/401, art. 18, **Sch. para. 1(e)**
- S. 231: power to make provisions about matters of the kind dealt with in this section conferred (1.9.1997) by 1997 c. 50, s. 44(1), **Sch. 4(a)(xiv)**; S.I. 1997/1930, **art. 2(1)(2)(m)**

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- S. 231 (except subsection (2)) applied (28.7.1998) by 1998 c. iv, **s. 39**
- S. 231 extended (1.10.1998) by 1975 c. 70, **s. 25** (as substituted (1.10.1998) by 1998 c. 38, s. 128, **Sch. 14 para. 9**; S.I. 1998/2244, **art. 4**)
- S. 231 extended (8.5.2000) by 1999 c. 29, **s. 75** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C41** S. 231 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1777), **art. 21(2)(e)**
- S. 231 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1778), **art. 21(2)(e)**
- C42** S. 231 excluded (7.2.2005) by Licensing Act 2003 (c. 17), **ss. 184(8)(a)**, 201(2) (with ss. 2(3), 15(2), 195); S.I. 2004/2360, **art. 2(1)**, Sch.
- C43** Ss. 231-234 extended (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 17(2)(d)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7) (as amended (1.5.2021) by Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(7), **Sch. 4 para. 18**; S.I. 2021/354, reg. 2(c))
- C44** S. 231(1) extended by Local Land Charges Act 1975 (c. 76, SIF 98:2), **s. 9(2)** and by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65, SIF 123:1), s. 106, **Sch. 21 para. 10**
- C45** S. 231(4) amended by S.I. 1985/1884, art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C46** S. 231(4) modified by S.I. 1987/2110, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

## 232 Public notices.

- (1) Save as otherwise expressly provided, a public notice required to be given by a local authority shall be given—
- (a) by posting the notice in some conspicuous place or places within the area of the local authority;<sup>F62</sup>...
  - (b) in such other manner, if any, as appears to the local authority to be desirable for giving publicity to the notice.
- <sup>F63</sup>; and
- (c) where the local authority is a local authority in Wales, by publishing it electronically.]

<sup>F64</sup>(1ZA).....

<sup>F65</sup>(1A) In subsection (1) above “local authority” includes [<sup>F66</sup>a corporate joint committee,] a joint authority, [<sup>F67</sup>an economic prosperity board, a combined authority]<sup>F68</sup>... [<sup>F69</sup>, [<sup>F70</sup>a combined county authority,][<sup>F71</sup>a fire and rescue authority created by an order under section 4A of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004,] a police and crime commissioner and the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime]<sup>F72</sup>...<sup>F73</sup>....]

<sup>F74</sup>(1B) In the application of subsection (1) to a corporate joint committee, the reference to the corporate joint committee’s area is to be read as a reference to the area specified as the corporate joint committee’s area in regulations under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 establishing the corporate joint committee.]

- (2) This section shall apply to a public notice required to be given by the chairman of a parish meeting as it applies to public notices required to be given by a parish council.

<sup>F75</sup>(3) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make further or different provision about the manner of giving a public notice required to be given by a local authority in Wales.

- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) may also make provision about the manner of giving a public notice required to be given by—
- (a) a National Park authority for a National Park in Wales;

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- (b) a fire and rescue authority constituted by a scheme under section 2 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, or a scheme to which section 4 of that Act applies, for an area in Wales.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (3) may—
- (a) make different provision for different purposes;
- (b) include supplementary, incidental, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision (including provision amending, modifying, repealing or revoking any enactment (including this Act and the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021)).
- (6) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (3) must not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of Senedd Cymru.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F62** Word in s. 232(1) omitted (1.5.2021) by virtue of Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(7), **Sch. 4 para. 17(2)(a)**; S.I. 2021/354, reg. 2(c)
- F63** S. 232(1)(c) and word inserted (W.) (1.5.2021) by Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(7), **Sch. 4 para. 17(2)(b)**; S.I. 2021/354, reg. 2(c)
- F64** S. 232(1ZA) omitted (1.5.2021) by virtue of Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(7), **Sch. 4 para. 17(3)**; S.I. 2021/354, reg. 2(c)
- F65** S. 232(1A) inserted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 84, **Sch. 14 Pt. I para. 28**
- F66** Words in s. 232(1A) inserted (25.3.2022) by The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/372), regs. 1(2), **30(a)**
- F67** Words in s. 232(1A) inserted (17.12.2009) by Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20), ss. 119, 148(6), **Sch. 6 para. 31**; S.I. 2009/3318, **art. 2(c)**
- F68** Words in s. 232(1A) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), s. 115(7), **Sch. 13 para. 6(7)(r)**; S.I. 2015/994, art. 6(g)
- F69** Words in s. 232(1A) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 113**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 34)
- F70** Words in s. 232(1A) inserted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 44** (with s. 247)
- F71** Words in s. 232(1A) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 30**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, Sch. para. 38
- F72** Words in s. 232(1A) repealed (1.4.2002) by 2001 c. 16, s. 137, **Sch. 7 Pt. 5(1)**; S.I. 2002/344, **art. 3(j)(m)** (with transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F73** Words repealed by Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. I**
- F74** S. 232(1B) inserted (25.3.2022) by The Corporate Joint Committees (General) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/372), regs. 1(2), **30(b)**
- F75** S. 232(3)-(6) inserted (21.1.2021) by Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(1)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 17(4)**

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- C5** Ss. 224-234 applied (with modifications) (E.) (24.3.2011) by The Hull and Goole Port Health Authority Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/939), arts. 1(1), 7, **Sch. 1**
- C22** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by The Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2734), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C23** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by The Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2734), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**

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- C43** Ss. 231-234 extended (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 17(2)(d)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, **Sch. 8 para. 7**) (as amended (1.5.2021) by Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(7), **Sch. 4 para. 18**; S.I. 2021/354, reg. 2(c))
- C47** S. 232 amended by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 12(g)**
- C48** S. 232 modified (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773 art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**  
S. 232: certain functions transferred (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8, **Sch. 2**  
S. 232 extended (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 19, ss. 39(2), 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 19(g)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), **Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)**)  
S. 232 modified (1.4.1995) by S.I. 1995/401, art. 18, **Sch. para. 1(e)**  
S. 232 applied (temp. from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by S.I. 1995/1042, **art. 4(1)**  
S. 232: power to make provisions about matters of the kind dealt with in this section conferred (1.9.1997) by 1997 c. 50, s. 44(1), **Sch. 4(a)(xiv)**; S.I. 1997/1930, **art. 2(1)(2)(m)**  
S. 232 extended (8.5.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 75 (with **Sch. 12 para. 9(1)**); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C49** S. 232 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1777), **art. 21(2)(e)**  
S. 232 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1778), **art. 21(2)(e)**
- C50** S. 232 applied (with modifications) (10.7.2011) by Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (nawm 4), **ss. 119, 178(2)** (with s. 120)
- C51** S. 232 applied (10.7.2011) by Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (nawm 4), **ss. 116(4), 178(2)** (with s. 117)
- C52** S. 232 excluded (temp.) (W.) (4.12.2020) by The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1399), regs. 2, **9(1)(2)**
- C53** S. 232(1A) amended by S.I. 1985/1884, art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C54** S. 232(1A) modified by S.I. 1987/2110, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

### 233 Service of notices by local authorities.

- (1) Subject to subsection (8) below, subsections (2) to (5) below shall have effect in relation to any notice, order or other document required or authorised by or under any enactment to be given to or served on any person by or on behalf of a local authority or by an officer of a local authority.
- (2) Any such document may be given to or served on the person in question either by delivering it to him, or by leaving it at his proper address, or by sending it by post to him at that address.
- (3) Any such document may—
  - (a) in the case of a body corporate, be given to or served on the secretary or clerk of that body;
  - (b) in the case of a partnership, be given to or served on a partner or a person having the control or management of the partnership business.
- (4) For the purposes of this section and of section 26 of the <sup>M4</sup>Interpretation Act 1889 (service of documents by post) in its application to this section, the proper address of any person to or on whom a document is to be given or served shall be his last known address, except that—
  - (a) in the case of a body corporate or their secretary or clerk, it shall be the address of the registered or principal office of that body;

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(b) in the case of a partnership or a person having the control or management of the partnership business, it shall be that of the principal office of the partnership;

and for the purposes of this subsection the principal office of a company registered outside the United Kingdom or of a partnership carrying on business outside the United Kingdom shall be their principal office within the United Kingdom.

(5) If the person to be given or served with any document mentioned in subsection (1) above has specified an address within the United Kingdom other than his proper address within the meaning of subsection (4) above as the one at which he or someone on his behalf will accept documents of the same description as that document, that address shall also be treated for the purposes of this section and section 26 of the <sup>M5</sup>Interpretation Act 1889 as his proper address.

<sup>F76</sup>(6) .....

(7) If the name or address of any owner, lessee or occupier of land to or on whom any document mentioned in subsection (1) above is to be given or served cannot after reasonable inquiry be ascertained, the document may be given or served either by leaving it in the hands of a person who is or appears to be resident or employed on the land or by leaving it conspicuously affixed to some building or object on the land.

(8) This section shall apply to a document required or authorised by or under any enactment to be given to or served on any person by or on behalf of the chairman of a parish meeting as it applies to a document so required or authorised to be given to or served on any person by or on behalf of a local authority.

(9) The foregoing provisions of this section do not apply to a document which is to be given or served in any proceedings in court.

(10) Except as aforesaid and subject to any provision of any enactment or instrument excluding the foregoing provisions of this section, the methods of giving or serving documents which are available under those provisions are in addition to the methods which are available under any other enactment or any instrument made under any enactment.

<sup>F77</sup>(11) In this section “local authority” includes a joint authority, <sup>F78</sup>an economic prosperity board, a combined authority, <sup>F79</sup>a combined county authority, <sup>F80</sup>a fire and rescue authority created by an order under section 4A of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, <sup>F81</sup>... <sup>F82</sup>, a police and crime commissioner and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime] . . . <sup>F83</sup> . . .]

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#### Textual Amendments

**F76** S. 233(6) repealed by [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976 \(c. 57, SIF 81:1\)](#), **Sch. 2**

**F77** S. 233(11) inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, **Sch. 14 Pt. I para. 29**

**F78** Words in s. 233(11) inserted (17.12.2009) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 119, 148(6), **Sch. 6 para. 32**; S.I. 2009/3318, **art. 2(c)**

**F79** Words in s. 233(11) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 45** (with s. 247)

**F80** Words in s. 233(11) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 31**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, **Sch. para. 38**

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- F81** Words in s. 233(11) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), s. 115(7), **Sch. 13 para. 6(7)(s)**; S.I. 2015/994, art. 6(g)
- F82** Words in s. 233(11) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 114**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 35)
- F83** Words repealed by Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. 1**

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- C22** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by The Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2734), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C23** Ss. 228-234 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by The Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2734), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**
- C43** Ss. 231-234 extended (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 17(2)(d)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7) (as amended (1.5.2021) by Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(7), **Sch. 4 para. 18**; S.I. 2021/354, reg. 2(c))
- C55** S. 233 extended by Housing Act 1974 (c. 44), s. 126(6); and saved by Reservoirs Act 1975 (c. 23), ss. 15(4), 29(1); S.I. 1985/176, 1986/466, 1986/2202
- C56** S. 233 applied by S.I. 1978/932, art. 16 and by S.I. 1990/582, reg. 47(2)  
S. 233 applied (18.1.2005) by Housing Act 2004 (c. 34), ss. 246(9), 270
- C57** S. 233 amended by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 12(g)**
- C58** S. 233 modified (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773 art. 8(2), Sch. 2  
S. 233: certain functions transferred (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art.8, **Sch. 2**  
S. 233 extended (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 19, ss. 39(2), 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 19(g)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2))  
S. 233 modified (1.4.1995) by S.I. 1995/401, art. 18, **Sch. para. 1(e)**  
S. 233: power to make provisions about matters of the kind dealt with in this section conferred (1.9.1997) by 1997 c. 50, s. 44(1), **Sch. 4(a)(xiv)**; S.I. 1997/1930, art. 2(1)(2)(m)  
S. 233 (except subsection (8)) applied (28.7.1998) by 1998 c. iv, s. 39  
S. 233 extended (1.10.1998) by 1975 c. 70, s. 25 (as substituted (1.10.1998) by 1998 c. 38, s. 128, **Sch. 14 Pt. I para. 9**; S.I. 1998/2244, art. 4)  
S. 233 extended (8.5.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 75 (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C59** S. 233 excluded (7.2.2005) by Licensing Act 2003 (c. 17), ss. 184(8)(b), 201(2) (with ss. 2(3), 15(2), 195); S.I. 2004/2360, art. 2(1), Sch.
- C60** S. 233 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1777), art. 21(2)(e)  
S. 233 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1778), art. 21(2)(e)
- C61** S. 233(11) amended by S.I. 1985/1884, art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C62** S. 233(11) modified by S.I. 1987/2110, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

#### Marginal Citations

- M4** 1889 c. 63.  
**M5** 1889 c. 63.

## 234 Authentication of documents.

- (1) Any notice, order or other document which a local authority are authorised or required by or under any enactment (including any enactment in this Act) to give, make or issue may be signed on behalf of the authority by the proper officer of the authority.



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- (2) Any document purporting to bear the signature of the proper officer of the authority shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to have been duly given, made or issued by the authority of the local authority.

In this subsection the word “signature” includes a facsimile of a signature by whatever process reproduced.

- (3) Where any enactment or instrument made under an enactment makes, in relation to any document or class of documents, provision with respect to the matters dealt with by one of the two foregoing subsections, that subsection shall not apply in relation to that document or class of documents.

- [<sup>F84</sup>(4) In this section “local authority” includes [<sup>F85</sup>a corporate joint committee,] a joint authority, [<sup>F86</sup>an economic prosperity board, a combined authority, [<sup>F87</sup>a combined county authority,][<sup>F88</sup>a fire and rescue authority created by an order under section 4A of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004,][<sup>F89</sup>... [<sup>F90</sup>, a police and crime commissioner and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime][<sup>F91</sup>... <sup>F92</sup>....]

#### Textual Amendments

- F84** S. 234(4) inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, **Sch. 14 para. 30**
- F85** Words in s. 234(4) inserted (25.3.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/372\)](#), regs. 1(2), **32**
- F86** Words in s. 234(4) inserted (17.12.2009) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 119, 148(6), **Sch. 6 para. 33**; S.I. 2009/3318, **art. 2(c)**
- F87** Words in s. 234(4) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 46** (with s. 247)
- F88** Words in s. 234(4) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 32**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, **Sch. para. 38**
- F89** Words in s. 234(4) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 13 para. 6(7)(t)**; S.I. 2015/994, art. 6(g)
- F90** Words in s. 234(4) substituted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 115**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, **Sch. 1** (with **Sch. 2 para. 36**)
- F91** Words in s. 234(4) repealed (1.4.2002) by [2001 c. 16](#), s. 137, **Sch. 7 Pt. 5(1)**; S.I. 2002/344, **art. 3(j)(m)** (with transitional provisions in **art. 4**)
- F92** Words repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. 1**

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- C63** S. 234 amended by S.I. 1989/1815, art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 5(d)**
- C64** S. 234 modified (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**  
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- S. 234 extended (8.5.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 75 (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C65** S. 234 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1777), **art. 21(2)(e)**
- S. 234 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1778), **art. 21(2)(e)**
- C66** S. 234(4) amended by S.I. 1985/1884, art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C67** S. 234(4) modified by S.I. 1987/2110, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)