



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Miscellaneous

[^{F1}138A Prayers and other observances

- (1) The business at a meeting of a local authority in England may include time for—
 - (a) prayers or other religious observance, or
 - (b) observance connected with a religious or philosophical belief.
- (2) Subsection (1) also applies in relation to meetings of—
 - (a) a committee of a local authority in England,
 - (b) a joint committee of two or more such authorities, whether appointed or established under Part 6 of this Act or any other enactment, or
 - (c) a sub-committee of such a committee or joint committee.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not limit other powers.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 138A, 138B inserted (26.5.2015) by [Local Government \(Religious etc. Observances\) Act 2015](#) (c. 27), [ss. 1, 3\(2\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 138A modified by 1995 c. 25, Sch. 8 para. 3(1A) (as inserted (26.5.2015) by [Local Government \(Religious etc. Observances\) Act 2015](#) (c. 27), [ss. 2\(3\), 3\(2\)](#))

Changes to legislation:

Local Government Act 1972, Section 138A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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](#)