



Local Government Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 26

PART 8

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

Charging and trading

93 Power to charge for discretionary services

- (1) Subject to the following provisions, a [^{F1}relevant authority] may charge a person for providing a service to him if—
- the authority is authorised, but not required, by an enactment to provide the service to him, and
 - he has agreed to its provision.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the authority—
- has power apart from this section to charge for the provision of the service, or
 - is expressly prohibited from charging for the provision of the service.
- (3) The power under subsection (1) is subject to a duty to secure that, taking one financial year with another, the income from charges under that subsection does not exceed the costs of provision.
- (4) The duty under subsection (3) shall apply separately in relation to each kind of service.
- (5) Within the framework set by subsections (3) and (4), a [^{F2}relevant authority] may set charges as it thinks fit and may, in particular—
- charge only some persons for providing a service;
 - charge different persons different amounts for the provision of a service.

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- (6) In carrying out functions under this section, a [^{F3}relevant authority] shall have regard to such guidance as the appropriate person may issue.
- (7) The following shall be disregarded for the purposes of subsection (2)(b)—
- (a) section 111(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) (subsidiary powers of local authorities not to include power to raise money),
 - (b) section 34(2) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29) (corresponding provision for Greater London Authority), and
 - (c) section 3(2) of the Local Government Act 2000 (c. 22) (well-being powers not to include power to raise money).
- (8) In subsection (1), “enactment” includes an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30)).
- [^{F4}(9) In this section, “relevant authority” means—
- (a) a best value authority;
 - (b) a parish council;
 - (c) a parish meeting of a parish which does not have a separate parish council; or
 - (d) a community council.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 93(1) substituted (1.4.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 245(5), [Sch. 7 para. 3\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2008/917, art. 2(1)(a)
- F2** Words in s. 93(5) substituted (1.4.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 245(5), [Sch. 7 para. 3\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2008/917, art. 2(1)(a)
- F3** Words in s. 93(6) substituted (1.4.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 245(5), [Sch. 7 para. 3\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2008/917, art. 2(1)(a)
- F4** S. 93(9) inserted (1.4.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 245(5), [Sch. 7 para. 3\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2008/917, art. 2(1)(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 93(1) disappplied (23.12.2008) by [Local Authorities \(England\) \(Charges for Property Searches\) \(Disapplication\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2909\)](#), arts. 1(2), [3](#) (with art. 4)
- C2** S. 93(1) disappplied (3.3.2009) by [Local Authorities \(Charges for Property Searches\) \(Disapplication\) \(Wales\) Order 2009 \(No. 55\)](#), arts. 1(2), [3](#) (with art. 4)

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