



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Land transactions — principal councils

120 Acquisition of land by agreement by principal councils.

- (1) For the purposes of—
 - (a) any of their functions under this or any other enactment, or
 - (b) the benefit, improvement or development of their area,a principal council may acquire by agreement any land, whether situated inside or outside their area.
- (2) A principal council may acquire by agreement any land for any purpose for which they are authorised by this or any other enactment to acquire land, notwithstanding that the land is not immediately required for that purpose; and, until it is required for the purpose for which it was acquired, any land acquired under this subsection may be used for the purpose of any of the council's functions.
- (3) Where under this section a council are authorised to acquire land by agreement, the provisions of Part I of the ^{M1}Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (so far as applicable) other than section 31 shall apply, and in the said Part I as so applied the word "land" shall have the meaning assigned to it by this Act.
- (4) Where two or more councils acting together would have power to acquire any land by agreement by virtue of this section, nothing in any enactment shall prevent one of those councils from so acquiring the land on behalf of both or all of them in accordance with arrangements made between them, including arrangements as to the subsequent occupation and use of the land.
- (5) References in the foregoing provisions of this section to acquisition by agreement are references to acquisition for money or money's worth, as purchaser or lessee.

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- C1** S. 120 modified by [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976 \(c. 57, SIF 81:1\)](#), [s. 19\(4\)](#)
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- C3** S. 120 amended by [S.I. 1989/304](#), [art. 5\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- C4** S. 120 modified (07.08.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1773](#), [art. 8\(2\)](#), [Sch.2](#).
S. 120: certain functions transferred (07.08.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1773](#), [art. 8](#), [Sch.2](#)
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S. 120: certain functions transferred (*temp.* from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by [S.I. 1995/1042](#), [art. 3\(3\)](#)
S. 120 extended (with modifications) (19.9.1995) by [1995 c. 25](#), [ss. 65\(7\), 125\(2\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 1\(1\)\(a\)\(4\)](#) (with [ss. 7\(6\), 115, 117](#), [Sch. 8 para. 7](#))
S. 120 (except subsection 1(b)): power conferred to make provisions about matters of the kind dealt with in this section (1.9.1997) by [1997 c. 50](#), [s. 44\(1\)](#), [Sch. 4\(a\)\(vii\)](#); [S.I. 1997/1930](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(2\)\(m\)](#)
- C6** S. 120 applied (with modifications) (20.11.2006) by [The Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority \(Combination Scheme\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/2790\)](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. para. 15](#)
- C7** S. 120(3) applied (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service Act 2006 \(c. 41\)](#), [ss. {211\(6\)}](#), [277\(1\)](#) (subject to [s. 277\(2\)-\(5\)](#))
S. 120(3) applied (1.3.2007) by [National Health \(Wales\) Service Act 2006 \(c. 42\)](#), [ss. {159\(6\)}](#), [208\(1\)](#) (subject to [s. 208\(2\)-\(5\)](#)) (with [s. 19\(3\)](#))

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- M1** [1965 c. 56](#).

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