



# Local Government Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 70

### PART XI

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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

#### **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>F1</sup>(4) In this section “local authority” includes a joint authority <sup>F2</sup>and a police authority established under <sup>F3</sup>section 3 of the Police Act 1996<sup>F4</sup>and the Metropolitan Police Authority<sup>F5</sup>and the Service Authority for the National Crime Squad<sup>F6</sup>.]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 231(4) inserted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 84, **Sch. 14 Pt. I para. 27**
- F2** Words in s. 231(4) inserted (1.10.1994 for specified purposes otherwise 1.4.1995) by 1994 c. 29, s. 43, **Sch. 4 para. 14(b)**; S.I. 1994/2025, **art. 6**; S.I. 1994/3262, arts. 4, 5, **Sch.**
- F3** Words in s. 231(4) substituted (22.8.1996) by 1996 c. 16, ss. 103(1), 104(1), **Sch. 7 Pt. I para. 1(1)(2)(h)**
- F4** Words in s. 231(4) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 325, **Sch. 27 para. 32** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/1648, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F5** Words in s. 231(4) inserted (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 50, s. 88, **Sch. 6 para. 9(b)**; S.I. 1998/354, **art. 2(1)(2)(au)**
- F6** Words repealed by Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. I**

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 231 amended by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 12(g)**
- C2** S. 231 modified (07.08.1991) by S.I.1991/1773 art.8(2), Sch. 2  
 S. 231: certain functions transferred (07.08.1991) 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 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)  
 S. 231: 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)(xiv)**; S.I. 1997/1930, **art. 2(1)(2)(m)**  
 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**
- C3** 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**
- C4** S. 231(4) amended by S.I. 1985/1884, art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C5** S. 231(4) modified by S.I. 1987/2110, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

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