



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART XI

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Documents and notices, etc.

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.
- (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.

[^{F1}(4) In this section “local authority” includes a joint authority, [^{F2}an economic prosperity board, a combined authority,]^{F3} a joint waste authority]^{F4} and a police authority established under [^{F5}section 3 of the Police Act 1996]^{F6} and the Metropolitan Police Authority]. . . .^{F7} . . .]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 234(4) inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, [Sch. 14 para. 30](#)
- F2** 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\(c\)](#)

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- F3** Words in s. 234(4) inserted (1.4.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), ss. 209, 245, **Sch. 13 para. 22**; S.I. 2008/917, {art. 2(1)(o)(p)}
- F4** Words in s. 234(4) inserted (1.10.1994 for specified purposes otherwise 1.4.1995) by 1994 c. 29, s. 43, **Sch. 4 para. 14(e)**; S.I. 1994/2025, **art. 6**; S.I. 1994/3262, arts. 4, 5, **Sch. Pt. I**
- F5** Words in s. 234(4) substituted (22.8.1996) by 1996 c. 16, ss. 103(1), 104(1), **Sch. 7 Pt. I para. 1(1)(2)(h)**
- F6** Words in s. 234(4) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 325, **Sch. 27 para. 35** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/1648, art. 2, **Sch. Pt. I**
- F7** Words repealed by Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt.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. 234 amended by S.I. 1989/1815, art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 5(d)**
- C2** S. 234 modified (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**
 S. 234: certain functions transferred (7.8.1991) by S.I.1991/1773, art. 8, **Sch. 2**
 S. 234 applied (temp. from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by S.I. 1995/1042, **art. 4(1)**
 S. 234: 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. 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**
- C3** 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)**
- C4** S. 234(4) amended by S.I. 1985/1884, art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C5** S. 234(4) modified by S.I. 1987/2110, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

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