



Local Government (Records) Act 1962

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8 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

“local authority” means the council of a county, [^{F1}county borough,]^{F2}... [^{F3}London borough] or county district, [^{F4}the Broads Authority][^{F5}the Common Council of the City of London], [^{F6}the London Fire Commissioner,]^{F7}... ^{F8}[^{F9}..., or a joint authority established by Part IV of the Local Government Act 1985 [^{F10}or an authority established under section 10 of that Act (waste regulation and disposal authorities),][^{F11}or an economic prosperity board established under section 88 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 or a combined authority established under section 103 of that Act [^{F12}, or a combined county authority established under section 9(1) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023][,],^{F13}... or a parish council or parish meeting, or the Council of the Isles of Scilly;

“records” means materials in written or other form setting out facts or events or otherwise recording information.

(2) For the purposes of this Act records shall be treated as being under the control of a local authority if they are in the possession of the authority by virtue of section two of this Act or otherwise, or if the authority has power to give directions as to their custody.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 8(1) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6), **Sch. 16 para. 20(2)** (with s. 54(5)(7), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**

F2 Words repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), **Sch. 30**

F3 Words substituted by London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **Sch. 17 para. 27(b)**

F4 Words in s. 8(1) inserted by Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4, SIF 81:1), ss. 21, 27(2), **Sch. 6 para. 4**

F5 Words in s. 8(1) inserted by S.I. 1986/148, **art. 18(2)(c)**

F6 Words in s. 8(1) substituted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 2 para. 22**; S.I. 2018/227, reg. 4(c)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Government (Records) Act 1962, Section 8. (See end of Document for details)

- F7** Words in s. 8(1) omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 81**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 18)
- F8** Words in s. 8(1) repealed by Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237, **Sch. 13**
- F9** Words in s. 8(1) inserted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 84, **Sch. 14 para. 39(b)**
- F10** Words in s. 8(1) inserted by S.I. 1990/1765, **art. 4(1)(b)**
- F11** Words in s. 8(1) inserted (17.12.2009) by Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20), ss. 119, 148(6), **Sch. 6 para. 3(3)**; S.I. 2009/3318, **art. 2**
- F12** Words in s. 8(1) inserted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(2) (c), **Sch. 4 para. 5** (with s. 247)
- F13** Words in s. 8(1) repealed by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), ss. 1, 102(3), **Sch. 17**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Reference to parish council or parish meeting to be construed (W.) as reference to community council: Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), **s. 179(4)(b)**

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