



Adoption of Children Act 1949

1949 CHAPTER 98

7 Local authorities

- (1) For the purposes of the principal Act and the Act of 1939, the expression " local authority " shall mean the council of any county or county borough ; and accordingly the definition of " local authority " in subsection (2) of section sixteen of the Act of 1939 shall cease to have effect.
- (2) For the removal of doubt it is hereby declared that every such local authority as aforesaid has power in connection with their functions under any enactment relating to children to make and participate in arrangements for the adoption of children.
- (3) Where any such local authority has established a children's committee, subsections (2) and (3) of section thirty-nine of the Children Act, 1948 (which provide for the discharge by local authorities of certain of their functions through children's committees), shall apply in relation to any exercise of the power mentioned in the last foregoing subsection as they apply in relation to the discharge of the functions specified in subsection (1) of the said section thirty-nine.