## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

# PART 3

## Record of decisions and access to documents

## **Recording of decisions**

- 7.—(1) The decision-making officer must produce a written record of any decision which falls within paragraph (2).
- (2) A decision falls within this paragraph if it would otherwise have been taken by the relevant local government body, or a committee, sub-committee of that body or a joint committee in which that body participates, but it has been delegated to an officer of that body either—
  - (a) under a specific express authorisation; or
  - (b) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to—
    - (i) grant a permission or licence;
    - (ii) affect the rights of an individual; or
    - (iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.
- (3) The written record must be produced as soon as reasonably practicable after the decision-making officer has made the decision and must contain the following information—
  - (a) the date the decision was taken;
  - (b) a record of the decision taken along with reasons for the decision;
  - (c) details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected; and
  - (d) where the decision falls under paragraph (2)(a), the names of any member of the relevant local government body who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision.
- (4) The duty imposed by paragraph (1) is satisfied where, in respect of a decision, a written record containing the information referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (3) is already required to be produced in accordance with any other statutory requirement.

**Changes to legislation:**There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, Section 7.