



Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964

1964 CHAPTER 75

General

16 Inquiries.

The Secretary of State may hold an inquiry into any matter relating to the functions of a [^{F1}library authority] under this Act.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\), s. 208\(3\)\(h\)](#)

17 Annual report.

The Secretary of State shall annually lay before each House of Parliament a report on the exercise of his functions under this Act.

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Textual Amendments

F2 [Ss. 4\(1\), 6\(1\)–\(4\), 15\(4\), 18, 21\(2\)](#) repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\), Sch. 30](#)

19 Byelaws.

- (1) A local authority may make byelaws regulating the use of facilities provided by the authority under this Act and the conduct of persons in premises where those facilities are provided, and the Secretary of State shall be the person by whom byelaws so made [^{F3}by a local authority in England] are to be confirmed.
- (2) Without prejudice to [^{F4}section 237 of the ^{M1}Local Government Act 1972] (under which byelaws may include provisions for imposing fines) [^{F5}and section 10 of the

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Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012], byelaws made under this section may include provisions for enabling officers of the local authority to exclude or remove from premises maintained by the authority under this Act any person who contravenes the byelaws.

- (3) As well as complying with [^{F4}section 236(8) of the said Act of 1972] (which requires byelaws, when confirmed, to be made available to the public) [^{F6}and section 8(5) of the Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 (as applicable)], a local authority shall cause a copy of byelaws made by it and in force under this section to be displayed in any premises maintained by the authority under this Act to which the public have access.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in s. 19(1) inserted (31.3.2015) by [Local Government Byelaws \(Wales\) Act 2012 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 22(2), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(2\)](#); S.I. 2015/1025, art. 2(r) (with art. 3)
- F4** Words substituted by virtue of [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), s. 272(2)
- F5** Words in s. 19(2) inserted (31.3.2015) by [Local Government Byelaws \(Wales\) Act 2012 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 22(2), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(3\)](#); S.I. 2015/1025, art. 2(r) (with art. 3)
- F6** Words in s. 19(3) inserted (31.3.2015) by [Local Government Byelaws \(Wales\) Act 2012 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 22(2), [Sch. 2 para. 7\(4\)](#); S.I. 2015/1025, art. 2(r) (with art. 3)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1972 c. 70.

20 Use of premises for educational or cultural events.

A local authority maintaining premises under this Act may use the premises, or allow them to be used (whether in return for payment or not), for the holding of meetings and exhibitions, the showing of films and slides, the giving of musical performances, and the holding of other events of an educational or cultural nature, and in connection therewith may, notwithstanding anything in section 8 above, make or authorise the making of a charge for admission.

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Textual Amendments

- F7** [S. 21](#) repealed (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 19](#), s. 66(6)(8), [Sch. 16 para. 24\(1\)\(f\)](#), [Sch. 18](#) (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), 66(7), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, [Sch. 2](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F8** [S. 22](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1975 \(c. 10\)](#), [Sch. Pt. VIII](#)

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23 Local Acts.

The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding any inconsistent provision in a local Act, and any public library maintained by a library authority at the commencement of this Act under a power conferred by a local Act shall thereafter be treated as maintained under this Act and not under that power; but save as aforesaid nothing in this Act shall be taken to derogate from the provisions of any local Act.

24 Isles of Scilly.

- (1) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Council of the Isles of Scilly, by order made by statutory instrument provide that [^{F9}the provisions of this Act relating to libraries] shall apply to those Isles, subject to such modifications as may be specified in the order, as if the Isles were a [^{F9}non-metropolitan county] and the Council thereof were the county council.
- (2) An order under this section may contain such transitional provisions as may appear to the Secretary of State, after such consultation as aforesaid, to be expedient; and may be varied or revoked by a subsequent order thereunder.

Textual Amendments

F9 Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\), s. 208\(3\)\(j\)](#)

25 Interpretation.

In this Act—

“library area” has the meaning assigned to it by section 4(2) of this Act;

“library assets and liabilities” means property held by a local authority solely or mainly for the purposes of any functions exercisable by it in relation to the public library service and rights and liabilities to which the authority is entitled or subject by reason of the exercise of such functions;

“library authority” means a library authority under this Act or, in relation to a time before the commencement of this Act, under the Public Libraries Acts 1892 to 1919;

“library officer” means an officer of a local authority employed by the authority solely or mainly for the purposes of any functions exercisable by it in relation to the public library service;

[^{F10}“local authority”, in relation to Wales, means a county council or county borough council;]

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“officer” includes a servant;

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Textual Amendments

F10 Definition in s. 25 inserted (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 19, s. 66\(6\), Sch. 16, para. 24\(3\)](#)(with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), 66(7), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)) ; [S.I. 1996/396, art.4, Sch. 2](#)

F11 Definitions of “local authority” and “population” repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\), Sch. 30](#)

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26 ^{F12}Short title, repeals etc., commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964.
- (2) ^{F13}
- (3) ^{F14}
- (5) Byelaws in force immediately before the commencement of this Act under section 7 of the ^{M2}Museums and Gymnasiums Act 1891 or section 3 of the ^{M3}Public Libraries Act 1901 shall not be invalidated by the repeal of those Acts but shall have effect as if they had been made, and confirmed by the Secretary of State, under section 19 of this Act.
- (6) ^{F14}
- (7) This Act shall come into force on 1st April 1965.
- (8) This Act shall not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

F12 Unreliable marginal note

F13 S. 26(2) repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1974 (c. 22), **Sch. Pt. XI**

F14 S. 26(3)(4)(6) repealed by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), **Sch. 30**

Marginal Citations

M2 1891 c. 22.

M3 1901 c. 19.

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