



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Staff

117 Disclosure by officers of interest in contracts.

- (1) If it comes to the knowledge of an officer employed, whether under this Act or any other enactment, by a local authority that a contract in which he has any pecuniary interest, whether direct or indirect (not being a contract to which he is himself a party), has been, or is proposed to be, entered into by the authority or any committee thereof, he shall as soon as practicable give notice in writing to the authority of the fact that he is interested therein.

For the purposes of this section an officer shall be treated as having indirectly a pecuniary interest in a contract or proposed contract if he would have been so treated by virtue of section 95 above had he been a member of the authority.

- (2) An officer of a local authority shall not, under colour of his office or employment, accept any fee or reward whatsoever other than his proper remuneration.
- (3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) or (2) above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}level 4 on the standard scale].
- (4) References in this section to a local authority shall include references [^{F2}to a corporate joint committee and] to a joint committee appointed under Part VI of this Act or any other enactment.
- [^{F3}(5) In the application of this section to a corporate joint committee—
- (a) the reference in subsection (1) to any committee of an authority is to be read as a reference to any sub-committee of the corporate joint committee, and
 - (b) section 95 of this Act is to be treated as if it applies to a corporate joint committee as it applies to another authority for the purposes of this section.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46**
- F2** Words in s. 117(4) inserted (25.3.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/372\)](#), regs. 1(2), **35(a)**
- F3** S. 117(5) inserted (25.3.2022) by [The Corporate Joint Committees \(General\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/372\)](#), regs. 1(2), **35(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 117 extended by [Water Act 1973 \(c. 37\)](#), s. 2(8), **Sch. 3 para. 12**
- C2** S. 117 amended by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), ss. 1, 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 12(b)**
- C3** S. 117 modified (7.8.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1773](#), art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**
S.117: certain functions transferred (7.8.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1773](#), art. 8, **Sch. 2**
- C4** S.117 modified (10.1.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2913](#), art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**.
S.117: certain functions transferred (10.1.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2913](#), art. 8, **Sch.2**.
S. 117 extended (5.7.1994) by [1994 c. 19](#), ss. 39(2), 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 19(b)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#))
S. 117 modified (1.4.1995) by [S.I. 1995/401](#), art. 18, **Sch. para. 1(b)**
S. 117 modified (3.4.1995) by [1994 c. 19](#), s. 66(7), **Sch. 17 para. 10** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 1995/852](#), art. 9(1), **Sch. 5**
S. 117 applied (*temp.* from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by [S.I. 1995/1042](#), **art. 4(1)**
S. 117 extended (19.9.1995) by [1995 c. 25](#), ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 13(6)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117)
S. 117 modified (23.11.1995) by [1995/2803](#), art. 19(1), [Sch. 6 para. 2](#)
S. 117 applied (4.3.1996) by [S.I. 1996/263](#), **reg. 10(1)**
S. 117: power conferred to make provisions about matters of the kind dealt with in this section (1.9.1997) by [1997 c. 50](#), s. 44(1), **Sch. 4(a)(vi)**; [S.I. 1997/1930](#), **art. 2(1)(2)(m)**
S. 117 applied (with modifications) (8.5.2000) by [1999 c. 29](#), s. 71 (with [Sch. 12 para. 9\(1\)](#)); [S.I. 2000/801](#), **art. 2(2)(b)**
- C5** S. 117 applied (22.7.2004) by [The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1777\)](#), **art. 17(6)**
S. 117 applied (22.7.2004) by [The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1778\)](#), **art. 17(6)**
- C6** S. 117 modified (24.3.2005) by [The New Forest National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/421\)](#), art. 17, **Sch. 4 para. 4**
- C7** Ss. 114-117 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2009) by [The Charter Trustees Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/467\)](#), **reg. 10(1)**
- C8** S. 117 modified (24.3.2010) by [The South Downs National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/497\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 4**
- C9** Ss. 112-117 applied (with modifications) (E.) (24.3.2011) by [The Hull and Goole Port Health Authority Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/939\)](#), arts. 1(1), 7, **Sch. 1**
- C10** S. 117 modified (1.4.2018) by [The Sub-national Transport Body \(Transport for the North\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/103\)](#), regs. 1(2), **19(3)(c)**
- C11** S. 117(1)(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (5.12.1995) by [S.I. 1995/3132](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; [S.I. 1995/3133](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; [S.I. 1995/3127](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; [S.I. 1995/3131](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**
S. 117(1)(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (11.12.1995) by [S.I. 1995/3218](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 25**; [S.I. 1995/3229](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 25**; [S.I. 1995/3230](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 25**
S. 117(1)(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (20.11.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2912](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; [S.I. 1996/2916](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; [S.I. 1996/2917](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; [S.I. 1996/2918](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; [S.I. 1996/2919](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; [S.I. 1996/2920](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; [S.I. 1996/2921](#),

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- art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; S.I. 1996/2922, art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; S.I. 1996/2923, art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**; S.I. 1996/2924, art. 2, **Sch. para. 24**
- C12** S. 117(1) applied (with modifications) (20.11.2006) by The Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2790), art. 2, **Sch. para. 19**
- C13** S. 117(1) applied (with modifications) (1.4.2015) by The Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/435), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 19**
- C14** S. 117(1)(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (1.4.2020) by The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/186), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 22**
- C15** S. 117(2) applied (with modifications) (20.11.2006) by The Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2790), art. 2, **Sch. para. 19**
- C16** S. 117(2) applied (with modifications) (1.4.2015) by The Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/435), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 19**
- C17** S. 117(3) applied (with modifications) (20.11.2006) by The Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2790), art. 2, **Sch. para. 19**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)