Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Premises and contracts

135 Contracts of local authorities.

(1) A local authority may make standing orders with respect to the making of contracts by them or on their behalf.

(2) A local authority shall make standing orders with respect to the making by them or on their behalf of contracts for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works.

(3) Standing orders made by a local authority with respect to contracts for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works shall include provision for securing competition for such contracts and for regulating the manner in which tenders are invited, but may exempt from any such provision contracts for a price below that specified in standing orders and may authorise the authority to exempt any contract from any such provision when the authority are satisfied that the exemption is justified by special circumstances.

(4) A person entering into a contract with a local authority shall not be bound to inquire whether the standing orders of the authority which apply to the contract have been complied with, and non-compliance with such orders shall not invalidate any contract entered into by or on behalf of the authority.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 135 modified (07.08.1991) by S.I. 1991/1773, art. 8(2), Sch.2.
   S. 135: certain functions transferred (07.08.1991) by S.I. 1991/1773, art. 8, Sch. 2
S. 135: certain functions transferred (temp. from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by S.I. 1995/1042, art. 3(3)
S. 135 extended (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, ss. 65(7), 125(2), Sch. 8 para. 3(1)(b) (with ss.7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7)
S. 135: 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)(viii); S.I. 1997/1930, art. 2(1)(2)(m)
S. 135: functions of local authority not to be responsibility of an executive of the authority (E.)
(16.11.2000) by virtue of S.I. 2000/2853, reg. 2(1), Sch. 1


C5 S. 135 modified (E.) (6.4.2010) by The Portsmouth Port Health Authority Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1217), arts. 1(1), 4, Sch.

C6 S. 135 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
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- Pt. 5A applied by S.I. 2018/639 art. 17(1)
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- Pt. 5A applied (with modifications) by 2011 c. 20 s. 35(8)
- Pt. 5A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/2734 reg. 3-6Sch. Pt. 1
- Pt. 5A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/2734 reg. 3-6Sch. Pt. 2
- Pt. 5A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/2734 reg. 3-6Sch. Pt. 3
- Pt. 5A excluded by S.I. 2018/574 art. 66(9)
- Pt. 5A modified by 2011 nawm 4 s. 83(7)
- Pt. 5A modified by 2014 c. 2 Sch. 7 para. 9(6)(7)
- s. 5A applied by S.I. 2019/957 art. 15(1)
- s. 24A24B inserted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 51(2)
- s. 25B inserted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 51(3)
- s. 30(1)(ba) inserted by 2013 anaw 4 Sch. 1 para. 1(3)(a)
- s. 33B inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 98
- s. 33C inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 99
- s. 70(1) words inserted by 2013 anaw 4 Sch. 1 para. 1(5)(a)
- s. 70(1) words substituted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 13 para. 6(7)(a)
- s. 74(3A) inserted by 2013 anaw 4 Sch. 1 para. 1(7)(d)
- s. 74(8) inserted by 2013 anaw 4 Sch. 1 para. 1(7)(d)
- s. 80(2AB) inserted by 2015 anaw 4 Sch. 1 para. 3
- s. 85(3B)-(3D) inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 31(2)
- s. 88(1)(a)(b) modified by S.I. 2014/864 art. 12(2)
- s. 100A(5A) inserted by S.I. 2014/2095 reg. 4(2)
- s. 100A(7A)-(7F) inserted by S.I. 2014/2095 reg. 4(5)
- s. 100A(9) inserted by S.I. 2014/2095 reg. 4(6)
- s. 100E(1A) inserted by S.I. 2014/2095 reg. 4(7)
- s. 100E(3)(bba)(bbb) inserted by 2016 c. 1 Sch. 5 para. 2
- s. 100J(1)(be) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 231(3)
- s. 100J(1)(bf) inserted by 2016 c. 1 Sch. 5 para. 3(a)
- s. 100J(2B) inserted by S.I. 2014/2095 reg. 4(8)(b)
- s. 100J(2B)(a) omitted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 13 para. 6(7)(f)(iii)
- s. 100J(3YA) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 231(5)
- s. 100J(4AA) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 231(6)
- s. 100EA(2A) inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 57(1)(b)
- s. 101(1D)(1E) inserted by 2016 c. 1 Sch. 5 para. 4(a)
- s. 101(5C)-(5E) inserted by 2016 c. 1 Sch. 5 para. 4(b)
- s. 101(13A) inserted by 2017 c. 3 Sch. 2 para. 38(3)
– s. 102(6)-(11) excluded by S.I. 2017/470 Sch. 2 para. 2(a)
– s. 102(6)-(11) inserted by 2017 c. 3 s. 7(2)
– s. 107(2A) inserted by 2017 c. 3 s. 23(4)(b)
– s. 120(3B) inserted by 2017 c. 3 Sch. 1 para. 24
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– s. 138A modified by 1995 c. 25 Sch. 8 para. 3(1A) (as inserted) by 2015 c. 27 s. 2(3)
– s. 138B modified by 1995 c. 25 Sch. 8 para. 3(1A) (as inserted) by 2015 c. 27 s. 2(3)
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– s. 138C(1)(pa) inserted by 2017 c. 3 Sch. 1 para. 25
– s. 177(1A)(ba) inserted by 2011 c. 21 Sch. 1 para. 1(a)
– s. 232(1ZA) inserted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 56
– s. 235(2A) inserted by S.I. 2016/165 Sch. 2 para. 5(2)
– s. 236A(6) omitted by 2012 anaw 2 Sch. 2 para. 9(4)(c)
– s. 236A(10) omitted by 2012 anaw 2 Sch. 2 para. 9(4)(c)
– s. 236A(11) omitted by 2012 anaw 2 Sch. 2 para. 9(4)(c)
– s. 236B(4A) inserted by S.I. 2016/165 Sch. 2 para. 5(3)
– Sch. 12 Pt. 1 para. 6ZA excluded by S.I. 2017/470 Sch. 2 para. 2(c)
– Sch. 12 para. 26(2)(aa) inserted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 57(a)(ii)
– Sch. 12 para. 26(2A) inserted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 57(b)
– Sch. 12 para. 30E(7)(aa) inserted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 57(e)
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– Sch. 12 para. 29A inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 97
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– Sch. 12 para. 30B inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 89
– Sch. 12 para. 30C inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 90
– Sch. 12 para. 30D inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 91
– Sch. 12 para. 30E inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 92
– Sch. 12 para. 38A inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 94
– Sch. 12 para. 38B inserted by 2011 nawm 4 s. 95(1)
– Sch. 12 Pt. 3 para. 18(7)-(11) inserted by 2014 c. 2 s. 42(3)
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– Sch. 12 para. 4(1A)(1B) inserted by S.I. 2015/5 art. 2(2)
– Sch. 12 para. 10(2A) inserted by S.I. 2015/5 art. 2(4)(b)
– Sch. 12 para. 30B(3) substituted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 57(c)(i)
– Sch. 12 para. 30C(1) substituted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 57(d)(i)
– Sch. 12 para. 30B(7) words inserted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 57(c)(ii)
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– Sch. 12 para. 30B(7) words substituted by 2013 anaw 4 s. 57(c)(iii)