



# 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](#)
- C2** S. 135 modified (10.01.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2913](#), art. 8(2), [Sch. Sch.2](#).

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- S. 135: certain functions transferred (10.01.1992) by S.I. 1991/2913, 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**
- C3** S. 135 modified (22.7.2004) by The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1777), **art. 29(1)(b)**
- S. 135 modified (22.7.2004) by The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Establishment of Conservation Board) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1778), **art. 29(1)(b)**
- C4** S. 135 modified (E.) (6.4.2010) by The Cowes Port Health Authority Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1216), arts. 1(1), 4, **Sch.**
- 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**
- C7** S. 135 applied (with modifications) (E.) (31.3.2017) by The Weymouth Port Health Authority Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/558), arts. 1(1), 8, **Sch. 1**
- C8** S. 135 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)(d)**

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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](#)