



# Local Government Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 70

### PART XI

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

##### *Documents and notices, etc.*

#### **224 Arrangements by principal councils for custody of documents.**

[<sup>F1</sup>(1)] Without prejudice to the powers of the *custos rotulorum* to give directions as to the documents of any county, a principal council shall make proper arrangements with respect to any documents which belong to or are in the custody of the council or any of their officers.

[<sup>F2</sup>(2) This section applies to a joint authority [<sup>F3</sup>, economic prosperity board][<sup>F4</sup>, combined authority or combined county authority]<sup>F5</sup> ... as it applies to a principal council.]

[<sup>F6</sup>(3) In subsection (1) above “county”, in relation to Wales, means a preserved county.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 244 renumbered as s. 244(1) as provided by [Local Government Act 1985](#) (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 84, [Sch. 14 para. 22](#)
- F2** S. 224(2) inserted by [Local Government Act 1985](#) (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 84, [Sch. 14 Pt. I para. 22](#)
- F3** Words in s. 224(2) inserted (17.12.2009) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009](#) (c. 20), ss. 119, 148(6), [Sch. 6 para. 25](#); S.I. 2009/3318, [art. 2\(e\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 224(2) substituted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023](#) (c. 55), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 38](#) (with s. 247)
- F5** Words repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988](#) (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), [Sch. 13 Pt. I](#)
- F6** S. 224(3) added (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 19](#), s. 1(3), [Sch. 2 para. 7](#) (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#)); S.I. 1995/3198, [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1](#)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 224 amended by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 12(g)**
- C2** S. 224 modified (07.08.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1773](#), art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**.  
 S. 224: certain functions transferred (07.08.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1773](#), art. 8, **Sch. 2**.
- C3** S. 224 modified (10.01.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2913](#), art. 8(2), **Sch. 2**.  
 S. 224 : certain functions transferred (10.01.1992) by [S.I. 1991/2913](#), art. 8, **Sch. 2**.  
 S. 224 extended (5.7.1994) by [1994 c. 19](#), ss. 39(2), 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 19(g)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#))  
 S. 224 modified (1.4.1995) by [S.I. 1995/401](#), art. 18, **Sch. para. 1(e)**  
 S. 224 applied (*temp.* from 4.5.1995 to 31.3.1996) by [S.I. 1995/1042](#), **art. 4(1)**  
 S. 224 extended (19.9.1995) by [1995 c. 25](#), ss. 63(5), 125(2), **Sch. 7 para. 17(2)(a)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, [Sch. 8 para. 7](#))  
 S. 224 extended (8.5.2000) by [1999 c. 29](#), **s. 75** (with [Sch. 12 para. 9\(1\)](#)); [S.I. 2000/801](#), art. 2(2)(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C4** S. 224 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by [The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1777\)](#), **art. 21(2)(b)**  
 S. 224 applied (with modifications) (22.7.2004) by [The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1778\)](#), **art. 21(2)(b)**
- C5** Ss. 224-234 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**
- C6** S. 224 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 2**
- C7** S. 224 applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**
- C8** S. 224(2) amended by [S.I. 1985/1884](#), art. 10, **Sch. 3 para. 1(n)**
- C9** S. 224(2) modified by [S.I. 1987/2110](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(n)**

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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](#)