



# Local Government and Rating Act 1997

## 1997 CHAPTER 29

### PART III

#### POWERS OF PARISH COUNCILS AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

##### *Transport etc.*

#### **26 Car-sharing schemes.**

- (1) A parish council or community council may—
  - (a) establish and maintain any car-sharing scheme, or
  - (b) assist others to establish and maintain any car-sharing scheme, for the benefit of persons in the council's area.
- (2) A parish or community council may impose any conditions they think fit—
  - (a) on the participation of persons in any scheme established and maintained by the council under subsection (1)(a) (including conditions requiring persons who receive fares under the scheme to contribute to the costs of establishing and maintaining it), or
  - (b) on the giving of any assistance under subsection (1)(b).
- (3) For the purposes of this section—
  - (a) a car-sharing scheme is a scheme for the provision of private cars for use on journeys in the course of which one or more passengers may be carried at separate fares, and
  - (b) the participants in a car-sharing scheme are those who make private cars available for use under the scheme or who are eligible for carriage as passengers under the scheme.
- (4) In this section—
  - (a) “private car” means a motor vehicle other than a public service vehicle, a licensed taxi, a licensed hire car or a motor cycle,

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- (b) “motor vehicle”, “public service vehicle” and “fares” have the same meaning as in section 1 of the <sup>M1</sup>Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981, and
- (c) “licensed taxi” and “licensed hire car” have the meaning given by section 13(3) of the <sup>M2</sup>Transport Act 1985.

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1981 c. 14.

**M2** 1985 c.67.

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