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The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007

PART 3

Changes to local access forum arrangements

Withdrawal from a joint local access forum

18.—(1) This regulation applies where a joint local access forum has been established for the areas, or parts of the areas, of two or more appointing authorities.

(2) Any of the appointing authorities concerned may, by giving 21 days' notice in writing to the joint local access forum and to the other appointing authority or authorities, terminate the functions of the joint local access forum in respect of their area.

(3) Where the effect of notice given under paragraph (2) is that a joint local access forum no longer has any functions, the joint local access forum shall cease to exist.

(4) Where the effect of notice given under paragraph (2) is that a joint local access forum only has functions in respect of the area of one appointing authority, the joint local access forum shall be reconstituted as a local access forum.

(5) Before terminating the functions of a joint local access forum in respect of any area, the relevant appointing authorities must agree the arrangements that are to apply in respect of the forum's minutes, documents, secretary, annual reports, and such other matters as the authorities consider appropriate.

(6) Before giving notice under paragraph (2), an appointing authority must consult any appointing authority or local access forum which they consider will be affected by the termination.