

SCHEDULE 6 FUNCTIONING OF PUBLIC BODIES

PART 4

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS

Introductory

- 11 This Part contains temporary modifications of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 in relation to—
- (a) the grounds for the exclusion of the public from meetings of local authorities,
 - (b) the provision of copies of documents in respect of meetings of local authorities.

Interpretation

- 12 In this Part (other than this paragraph)—
- (a) references to sections are to sections of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (“the 1973 Act”), and
 - (b) expressions used in this Part and in that Act have the same meaning as in that Act.

Grounds for exclusion of the public from meetings of local authorities

- 13 (1) Section 50A (admission to meetings of local authorities) applies in accordance with the modifications in this paragraph.
- (2) Subsection (1) has effect as if, after “(2)”, there were inserted “or (3A)”.
- (3) The section has effect as if, after subsection (3), there were inserted—
- “(3A) The public are to be excluded from a meeting of a local authority whenever it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be a real and substantial risk to public health due to infection or contamination with coronavirus.
 - (3B) In subsection (3A), “coronavirus” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020.”.

Photographic copies of documents in respect of meetings of local authorities

- 14 Section 50H(2)(b) (supplemental provisions and offences) has effect as if modified so that after “extracts from the document” there were inserted “if reasonably practicable”.