



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART I

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AND AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND

Members of principal councils

3 Chairman.

- (1) The chairman of a principal council shall be elected annually by the council from among the councillors.
- [^{F1}(1A) A member of the executive of a principal council may not be elected as the chairman of the council.]
- (2) The chairman shall, unless he resigns or becomes disqualified, continue in office until his successor becomes entitled to act as chairman.
- (3) During his term of office the chairman shall continue to be a member of the council notwithstanding the provisions of this Act relating to the retirement of councillors.
- (4) The chairman of a district council shall have precedence in the district, but not so as prejudicially to affect Her Majesty's royal prerogative.
- [^{F2}(4A) Subsection (4) above shall have effect in relation to a district council which are operating executive arrangements which involve a mayor and cabinet executive ^{F3} . . . as if it provided for the elected mayor of the council to have precedence in the district, but this subsection shall not apply if the executive arrangements provide for it not to apply.]
- (5) A principal council may pay the chairman for the purpose of enabling him to meet the expenses of his office such allowance as the council think reasonable.

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Textual Amendments

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- F2** S. 3(4A) inserted (26.10.2000) by 2000 c. 22, ss. 46, 108(4), **Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(3)**; S.I. 2000/2849, **art. 2(e)**
- F3** Words in s. 3(4A) omitted (30.12.2007) by virtue of Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), ss. 74, 245, **Sch. 3 para. 3(2)** and repealed (prosp.) by ss. 241, 245, {Sch. 18 Pt. 3} of said Act

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- C1** S. 3 applied (28.3.2008) by The Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008(S.I. 2008/907), {art. 20(6)}
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