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PART 7

COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

CHAPTER 1

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY POLLS

98 Consideration of result of community poll by principal council

After section 33A of the Local Government Act 1972 insert the following—

“33B Principal council’s response to a community poll

- (1) This section applies where a principal council has been given a notice under paragraph 38B(3) or (5)(a) of Schedule 12 to this Act which contains a determination that a question in relation to which a poll consequent on a community meeting was taken relates to the council’s functions.
- (2) The council must, during the relevant period, perform one of the actions described in subsection (4).
- (3) If the council chooses to perform more than one action, the council may do so during or after the relevant period.
- (4) The actions referred to in subsection (2) are as follows—
 - (a) to exercise the council’s functions in accordance with the question in relation to which the poll was taken;
 - (b) to include the question of what action (if any) the council should take in response to the community poll within the business to be transacted at a meeting of the principal council held within the relevant period (and for this purpose a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of the council does not count);

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (c) to initiate a consultation exercise which seeks the views of such members of the public as the council considers appropriate about what action (if any) the council should take in response to the community poll;
 - (d) to hold a meeting open to members of the public, at such venue as the council considers appropriate, for the purpose of seeking the views of members of the public about what action (if any) the council should take in response to the community poll;
 - (e) to initiate research for the purpose of assisting the council to decide what action (if any) it should take in response to the community poll;
 - (f) to refer the question of what action (if any) the council should take in response to the community poll to an overview and scrutiny committee with a request that the committee reports its conclusions to the council.
- (5) In this section the “relevant period” means the period of two months beginning on the day following that on which the notice referred to in subsection (1) was given.”.