
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 2278

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Scotland) Order 1996

Amendment of Part IIIA of Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

2.—(1) The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(1) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this article.

(2) In section 50E (extension of application of sections 50A to 50D)—

(a) in subsection (1)—

(i) the word “and” shall cease to have effect; and

(ii) after paragraph (b), there shall be inserted—

“and

(c) a relevant body, or a committee or sub-committee of such a body;”;

(b) in subsection (2), for the words “or sub-committee” in each place where they occur there shall be substituted the words “, sub-committee or relevant body”; and

(c) in subsection (3), for the words from “appointed” where it first occurs to the end there shall be substituted—

“(a) in the case of a relevant body or a committee or sub-committee of such a body, appointed the members of the relevant body;

(b) in the case of any other committee, appointed the committee; or

(c) in the case of any other sub-committee, appointed the committee of which that body is a sub-committee.”.

(3) In section 50F(1) (additional rights of access to documents for members of local authorities)—

(a) the word “or” where it occurs immediately after paragraph (a) shall cease to have effect;

(b) after paragraph (b), there shall be inserted—

“; or

(c) a relevant body, any member of which was appointed by the authority, or of a committee or sub-committee of such a body”; and

(c) for the words “or sub-committee” where they occur for the second and third time, there shall be substituted the words “, sub-committee or relevant body”.

(4) In section 50H(6) (privilege: application and extent), after the words “section 50E(1) above” there shall be inserted the words “and any meeting of a relevant body or of a committee or sub-committee of such a body”.

(5) In section 50K(1) (interpretation of Part), after the definition of “newspaper” there shall be inserted—

““relevant body” means—

- (a) a joint board; or
 - (b) the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority.”.
- (6) In paragraph 1(2) of Part III of Schedule 7A (access to information: exempt information)–
- (a) after the word “sub-committee” where it first occurs, there shall be inserted the words “or relevant body”;
 - (b) the word “and” where it occurs immediately after head (a) shall cease to have effect;
 - (c) in head (b)(i) and (ii), after the words “local authority” there shall be inserted the words “or relevant body”; and
 - (d) at the end of head (b), there shall be inserted–
 - “and
 - (c) in the case of a relevant body, to any local authority which appointed a member of that body;”.