
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 131

**The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections)
Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

PART 2

Amendment of the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017

New article 10

10. After the inserted article 9 insert—

“Application of the Order prior to the establishment of a particular combined county authority

10.—(1) Prior to the establishment of a combined county authority under section 9 of the 2023 Act—

- (a) references in this Order to “the combined county authority” are to be read as references to “the proposed combined county authority”, and references to “the combined county authority mayor”, “the combined county authority mayoral election” and “the combined county authority area” are to be construed accordingly;
 - (b) article 6A should be read as if for paragraph (1) there were substituted—
- “(1) The constituent councils of the proposed combined county authority may appoint one of the officers of a constituent council to be the combined county authority returning officer in relation to the election.”;
 - (c) any expenses met by the constituent councils of the proposed combined county authority in accordance with article 8(2) (as modified by sub-paragraph (a)) must be reimbursed by the combined county authority after it has been established;
 - (d) in Schedule 2, paragraph 1(6)(b) is to be read as if for the modification of the RPA 1983 that inserted subsection (4D) there were substituted—

“(4D) All expenditure properly incurred by a returning officer or a combined county authority returning officer in relation to the holding of a combined county authority mayoral election before the combined county authority has been established may in so far as it does not, in cases where there is a scale fixed for the purposes of this section by the constituent councils of the proposed combined county authority, exceed that scale, be paid by those constituent councils, and if so, the combined county authority must, once it has been established, reimburse those constituent councils.”.

(2) If the combined county authority returning officer appointed in accordance with article 6A(1) as modified by paragraph (1)(b) is unable to act after the combined county authority is established, a new combined county authority returning officer must be appointed in accordance with article 6A(1) in unmodified form.”.