



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

- F1** S. 3(1A) inserted (26.10.2000) by 2000 c. 22, ss. 46, 108(4), **Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(2)**; S.I. 2000/2849, **art. 2(e)**
- 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by virtue of Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), ss. 74, 245, **Sch. 3 para. 3(2)** and repealed (prosp.)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

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 3 applied (28.3.2008) by The Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008(S.I. 2008/907), {art. 20(6)}
- C2** S. 3 applied (5.3.2008) by The Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/634), **art. 9(8)**
- C3** S. 3 applied (25.5.2018) by The West Suffolk (Local Government Changes) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/639), arts. 1, **17(1) Table**
- C4** S. 3 applied (25.5.2018) by The East Suffolk (Local Government Changes) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/640), arts. 1, **17(1) Table**
- C5** S. 3 applied (26.5.2018) by The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/648), arts. 1, **36(1)**
- C6** S. 3 applied (26.5.2018) by The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/648), arts. 1, **21(1)**
- C7** S. 3 applied (26.5.2018) by The Somerset West and Taunton (Local Government Changes) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/649), arts. 1, **17(1) Table**
- C8** S. 3 applied (23.5.2019) by The Buckinghamshire (Structural Changes) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/957), arts. 1, **15(1)**
- C9** S. 3 applied (14.2.2020) by The Northamptonshire (Structural Changes) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/156), arts. 1, **17(1)**
- C10** S. 3 applied (18.3.2022) by The Cumbria (Structural Changes) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/331), arts. 1(1), **18(1)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)