



# Local Government Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 70

### PART XII **E+W**

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

*Status, etc.*

#### **245 Status of certain districts, parishes and communities. **E+W****

- (1) If, on a petition presented to Her Majesty by the council of a district praying for the grant of a charter under this subsection, Her Majesty by the advice of Her Privy Council thinks fit so to do, She may by the charter confer on that district the status of a borough, and thereupon—
  - (a) the council of the district shall bear the name of the council of the borough;
  - (b) the chairman and vice-chairman of the council shall respectively be entitled to the style of mayor and deputy mayor of the borough.
- (2) A petition for a charter under subsection (1) above shall not be presented except on a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object.
- (3) No charter under subsection (1) above shall take effect before 1st April 1974.
- (4) Where a petition is presented to Her Majesty before 1st April 1974 by the council of a district praying for the grant of a charter under subsection (1) above and it is signified on behalf of Her Majesty before that date that She proposes to accede to the petition and that She approves—
  - (a) the use for the district of any style previously belonging to an existing borough which on that date will become wholly or partly comprised in the district; and
  - (b) the use for the chairman and vice-chairman of the council of the district of any style previously belonging to the mayor or deputy mayor of that borough;those styles may be so used as from 1st April 1974.

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- (5) A district which has the status of a borough, or for which the style of borough may be used, by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this section and the council of any such district shall not be treated as a borough or the council of a borough for the purposes of any Act passed before 1st April 1974.
- (6) The council of a parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . which is not grouped with any other parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . may resolve that the parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . shall have the status of a town and thereupon—
- (a) the council of the parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . shall bear the name of the council of the town;
  - (b) the chairman and vice-chairman of the council shall be respectively entitled to the style of town mayor and deputy town mayor;
  - (c) the parish meeting <sup>F2</sup> . . . shall have the style of town meeting.
- (7) A resolution under subsection (6) above shall cease to have effect if the parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . to which it relates ceases to exist.
- (8) If a parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . council which has passed a resolution under subsection (6) above is dissolved without the parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . ceasing to exist, the dissolution shall not affect the status of the parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . or the application to it of paragraph (c) of that subsection and in England the parish trustees shall have the style of town trustees.
- (9) A parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . council by whom a resolution under subsection (6) above has been passed or, if the council has been dissolved, the parish meeting in England <sup>F3</sup> . . . may resolve that the parish <sup>F1</sup> . . . shall cease to have the status of a town and thereupon subsection (6)(a) to (c) above and subsection (8) above shall cease to apply to the parish <sup>F1</sup> . . .
- (10) The foregoing provisions of this section shall have effect subject to any provision made by a grant under Her Majesty's prerogative and, in particular, to any such provision granting the status of a city or royal borough or conferring the style of lord mayor, deputy lord mayor or right honourable.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 245(6)-(9) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5)(8), Sch. 15 para. 51(a), **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F2** Words in s. 245(6)(c) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5)(8), Sch. 15 para. 51(b), **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F3** Words in s. 245(9) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5)(8), Sch. 15 para. 51(c), **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**

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