



Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

1973 CHAPTER 65

PART V

INTERNAL ORGANISATION

Discharge of functions

57 Appointment of committees.

- (1) For the purpose of discharging any functions of a local authority in pursuance of arrangements made under section 56 of this Act—
 - (a) the authority may appoint a committee of the authority; or
 - (b) two or more local authorities may appoint a joint committee of those authorities; or
 - (c) any such committee may appoint one or more sub-committees.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this section, the number of members of a committee appointed under subsection (1) above, their term of office, and the area (if restricted) within which the committee are to exercise their authority, shall be fixed by the appointing authority or authorities or, in the case of a sub-committee, by the appointing committee.
- (3) A committee appointed under subsection (1) above, other than a committee for regulating and controlling the finance of the local authority or of their area may, subject to section 59 below, include persons who are not members of the appointing authority or authorities or, in the case of a sub-committee, the authority or authorities of whom they are a sub-committee, [^{F1}but at least two-thirds of the members appointed to any such committee (other than a sub-committee) shall be members of that authority or those authorities, as the case may be.]
- (4) A local authority may appoint a committee, and two or more local authorities may join in appointing a committee, to advise the appointing authority or authorities on any matter relating to the discharge of their functions, and any such committee—

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- (a) may consist of such persons (whether members of the appointing authority or authorities or not) appointed for such term as may be determined by the appointing authority or authorities; and
 - (b) may appoint one or more sub-committees to advise the committee with respect to any such matter.
- (5) Every member of a committee appointed under this section who at the time of his appointment was a member of the appointing authority or one of the appointing authorities shall, upon ceasing to be a member of that authority, also cease to be a member of the committee; but for the purposes of this section a member of a local authority shall not be deemed to have ceased to be a member of the authority by reason of retirement if he has been re-elected a member thereof not later than the day of his retirement.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed (16.1.1990 to the extent mentioned in [S.I. 1989/2445](#), [art. 4](#) and otherwise prosp. (with saving)) by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989](#) (c. 42, SIF 81:1), ss. 14(6)(8)(a), 194(4), 195(2), [Sch. 12 Pt. II](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 57](#) excluded by [Water \(Scotland\) Act 1980](#) (c. 45), [s. 3\(4\)](#)
- C2** [S. 57](#) applied (*temp.* from 6.4.1995 until 1.4.1996) by [S.I. 1995/789](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. para. 3](#)

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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):

- Sch. 7 para. 7(3) inserted by [1989 c. 42 Sch. 11 para. 36](#)