



# Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 57

### PART I

#### GENERAL

##### *Places of entertainment*

#### **19 Recreational facilities.**

- (1) A local authority may provide, inside or outside its area, such recreational facilities as it thinks fit and, without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by the preceding provisions of this subsection, those powers include in particular powers to provide—
- (a) indoor facilities consisting of sports centres, swimming pools, skating rinks, tennis, squash and badminton courts, bowling centres, dance studios and riding schools;
  - (b) outdoor facilities consisting of pitches for team games, athletics grounds, swimming pools, tennis courts, cycle tracks, golf courses, bowling greens, riding schools, camp sites and facilities for gliding;
  - (c) facilities for boating and water ski-ing on inland and coastal waters and for fishing in such waters;
  - (d) premises for the use of clubs or societies having athletic, social or recreational objects;
  - (e) staff, including instructors, in connection with any such facilities or premises as are mentioned in the preceding paragraphs and in connection with any other recreational facilities provided by the authority;
  - (f) such facilities in connection with any other recreational facilities as the authority considers it appropriate to provide including, without prejudice to the generality of the preceding provisions of this paragraph, facilities by way

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of parking spaces and places at which food, drink and tobacco may be bought from the authority or another person;

and it is hereby declared that the powers conferred by this subsection to provide facilities include powers to provide buildings, equipment, supplies and assistance of any kind.

(2) A local authority may make any facilities provided by it in pursuance of the preceding subsection available for use by such persons as the authority thinks fit either without charge or on payment of such charges as the authority thinks fit.

(3) A local authority may contribute—

- (a) by way of grant or loan towards the expenses incurred or to be incurred by any voluntary organisation in providing any recreational facilities which the authority has power to provide by virtue of subsection (1) of this section; and
- (b) by way of grant towards the expenses incurred or to be incurred by any other local authority in providing such facilities;

and in this subsection “voluntary organisation” means any person carrying on or proposing to carry on an undertaking otherwise than for profit.

<sup>F1</sup>(4) . . . . .

(5) Any property which, immediately before the date when this subsection comes into force, is held by a local authority <sup>F2</sup>. . . for the purposes of section 221(b) of the <sup>M1</sup>Public Health Act 1936 or <sup>F2</sup>. . . section 4 of the <sup>M2</sup>Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937 or, in pursuance of section 144(1)(b) of the <sup>M3</sup>Local Government Act, 1972, for the purposes of recreation shall on and after that date be held by the local authority for the purposes of this section <sup>F2</sup>. . .

[<sup>F3</sup>(5A) . . . . .]

<sup>X1</sup>(6) In section 222(1) of the Public Health Act 1936 (which relates to charges in respect of any baths, wash-house, swimming bath or bathing place under the management of a local authority) for the words “washhouse, swimming bath or bathing place” there shall be substituted the words “ or washhouse ”.

#### Editorial Information

**X1** The text of ss. 17(4), 18(1)-(4), 19(6), 22(1)(3), 27(1)(3)(5) and Sch. 2 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** S. 19(4) repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. I**

**F2** Words repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. I**

**F3** S. 19(5A) was inserted after s. 19(5) by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 84, **Sch. 14 Pt. I para. 53(3)(a)** and was repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), **Sch. 13 Pt. I**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** S. 19 amended and certain functions transferred by [S.I. 1989/304](#), **art. 5(3)(i)(4)**

**C2** S. 19 extended (19.9.1995) by [1995 c. 25, ss. 70, 125\(2\)](#), **Sch. 9 para. 8** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7)

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1936 c. 49.

**M2** 1937 c. 46.

**M3** 1972 c. 70.

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