



Local Government Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 22

PART III

CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

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INVESTIGATIONS ETC: WALES

References to monitoring officers

73 Matters referred to monitoring officers.

- (1) The National Assembly for Wales may by regulations make provision in relation to the way in which any matters referred to the monitoring officer of a relevant authority under section [F¹70(4) or (5) or 71(2) or (4)] are to be dealt with.
- (2) The provision which may be made by regulations under subsection (1) includes provision for or in connection with—
 - (a) enabling a monitoring officer of a relevant authority to conduct an investigation in respect of any matters referred to him,
 - (b) enabling a monitoring officer of a relevant authority to make a report, or recommendations, to the standards committee of the authority[F², or to the standards committee of another relevant authority,] in respect of any matters referred to him,
 - [F³(ba) enabling a standards committee of a relevant authority to refer a report or recommendations made by its monitoring officer to the standards committee of another relevant authority,]
 - [F⁴(c) enabling a standards committee of a relevant authority to consider any report or recommendations made or, as the case may be, referred to it by—
 - (i) a monitoring officer of a relevant authority, or
 - (ii) the standards committee of another relevant authority.

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- (ca) the procedure to be followed by a standards committee as respects a report or recommendation made or referred to it,]
 - (d) enabling a standards committee of a relevant authority, following its consideration of any such report or recommendations, to take any action prescribed by the regulations (including action against any member or co-opted member (or former member or co-opted member) of [^{F5}a relevant authority] who is the subject of any such report or recommendation),
 - (e) the publicity to be given to any such reports, recommendations or action.
- (3) The provision which may be made by virtue of subsection (2)(a) includes provision for or in connection with—
- (a) conferring powers on a monitoring officer of a relevant authority to enable him to conduct an investigation in respect of any matters referred to him,
 - (b) conferring rights (including the right to make representations) on any member or co-opted member (or former member or co-opted member) of a relevant authority who is the subject of any such investigation.
- (4) The provision which may be made by virtue of subsection (2)(d) includes provision for or in connection with—
- (a) enabling a standards committee of a relevant authority to censure a member or co-opted member (or former member or co-opted member)^{F6} ...,
 - (b) enabling a standards committee of a relevant authority to suspend or partially suspend a person from being a member or co-opted member of the authority [^{F7}of which they are a member] for a limited period,
 - (c) conferring a right of appeal on a member or co-opted member (or former member or co-opted member) of a relevant authority in respect of any action taken against him.
- (5) Nothing in subsection (2), (3) or (4) affects the generality of the power under subsection (1).
- ^{F8}(6)
- (7) Where [^{F9}the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales] refers any matters to the monitoring officer of a relevant authority under section [^{F10} 70(4) or (5) or 71(2) or (4)] he may give directions to the monitoring officer as to the way in which those matters are to be dealt with.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 73(1) substituted (31.1.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\)](#), **ss. 194(8)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/172, art. 2(1)(o)
- F2** Words in s. 73(2)(b) inserted (1.5.2015) by [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 69(2)(a)(i)**, 75(3); S.I. 2015/1182, art. 2(f)
- F3** S. 73(2)(ba) inserted (1.5.2015) by [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 69(2)(a)(ii)**, 75(3); S.I. 2015/1182, art. 2(f)
- F4** S. 73(2)(c)(ca) substituted for s. 73(2)(c) (1.5.2015) by [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 69(2)(b)**, 75(3); S.I. 2015/1182, art. 2(f)
- F5** Words in s. 73(2)(d) substituted (1.5.2015) by [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 69(2)(c)**, 75(3); S.I. 2015/1182, art. 2(f)
- F6** Words in s. 73(4)(a) omitted (1.5.2015) by virtue of [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 69(2)(d)(i)**, 75(3); S.I. 2015/1182, art. 2(f)

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- F7** Words in s. 73(4)(b) inserted (1.5.2015) by Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 4), **ss. 69(2)(d)(ii)**, 75(3); S.I. 2015/1182, art. 2(f)
- F8** S. 73(6) repealed (1.7.2012 for specified purposes, 22.11.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), s. 240(2), Sch. 4 para. 41, **Sch. 25 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/1463, art. 5(a)(d) (with arts. 6, 7) (as amended (3.7.2012) by S.I. 2012/1714, art. 2); S.I. 2012/2913, arts. 1(2), 2(b)(c) (with arts. 3-6)
- F9** Words in s. 73(7) substituted (1.4.2006) by Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 (c. 10), s. 40, **Sch. 4 para. 17**; S.I. 2005/2800, art. 5(1)(3) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/362, art. 4)
- F10** Words in s. 73(7) substituted (31.1.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), **ss. 194(8)**, 245(5) (with s. 201); S.I. 2008/172, art. 2(1)(o)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. III applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by The Police and Crime Panels (Application of Local Authority Enactments) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/2734), regs. 1(1), 3-6, **Sch. Pt. 3**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 73 wholly in force at 28.7.2001; s. 73 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 108; s. 73 in force at 1.11.2000 in relation to Wales by S.I. 2000/2948, **art. 2**; s. 73 in force at 28.7.2001 in so far as not already in force see s. 108(4)-(6)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 73(6) omitted by [2011 c. 13 Sch. 16 para. 265](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The repeal was superseded by the repeal made by [2011 c. 20, s. 240\(2\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 41](#), [Sch. 25 Pt. 5.](#))

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. 21(2ZA) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(3\)](#)
- s. 21(13)(c) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 21(15A) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(6\)](#)
- s. 21(18) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(7\)](#)
- s. 21C(6)(aa)(ab) inserted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 5 para. 97\(a\)](#)