



Localism Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 20

PART 1

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 4

TRANSFER AND DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO CERTAIN AUTHORITIES

17 Transfer schemes

- (1) The Secretary of State may make a scheme for the transfer of property, rights or liabilities from the person who, or body which, would have a local public function but for an order under section 15 to the [F¹EPB] to which the function is transferred.
- (2) A Minister of the Crown may make a scheme for the transfer from the Crown to a permitted authority of such property, rights or liabilities as the Minister of the Crown considers appropriate in consequence of a delegation, or the variation of a delegation, under section 16 of a function of any Minister of the Crown to the permitted authority.
- (3) A Minister of the Crown may make a scheme for the transfer from a permitted authority to the Crown of such property, rights or liabilities as the Minister of the Crown considers appropriate in consequence of a variation or revocation of a delegation under section 16 of a function of any Minister of the Crown to the permitted authority.
- (4) The things that may be transferred under a transfer scheme include—
 - (a) property, rights or liabilities that could not otherwise be transferred;
 - (b) property acquired, or rights or liabilities arising, after the making of the order.
- (5) A transfer scheme may make consequential, supplementary, incidental and transitional provision and may in particular make provision—
 - (a) for a certificate issued by a Minister of the Crown to be conclusive evidence that property has been transferred;

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- (b) creating rights, or imposing liabilities, in relation to property or rights transferred;
 - (c) about the continuing effect of things done by or in relation to the transferor in respect of anything transferred;
 - (d) about the continuation of things (including legal proceedings) in the process of being done by, on behalf of or in relation to the transferor in respect of anything transferred;
 - (e) for references to the transferor in an instrument or other document relating to anything transferred to be treated as references to the transferee;
 - (f) for the shared ownership or use of property;
 - (g) that has the same or similar effect as the TUPE regulations (so far as those regulations do not apply in relation to the transfer).
- (6) A transfer scheme may provide—
- (a) for modification by agreement;
 - (b) for modifications to have effect from the date when the original scheme came into effect.
- (7) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) an individual who holds employment in the civil service is to be treated as employed by virtue of a contract of employment, and
 - (b) the terms of the individual's employment in the civil service are to be regarded as constituting the terms of the contract of employment.
- (8) In this section—
- “civil service” means the civil service of the State;
 - “transferee”, in relation to a transfer scheme, means the person to whom property, rights or liabilities are transferred by the scheme;
 - “transferor”, in relation to a transfer scheme, means the person from whom property, rights or liabilities are transferred by the scheme;
 - “transfer scheme” means a scheme for the transfer of property, rights or liabilities under subsection (1), (2) or (3);
 - “TUPE regulations” means the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/246);
 - references to rights and liabilities include rights and liabilities relating to a contract of employment;
 - references to the transfer of property include the grant of a lease.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 17(1) substituted (28.1.2016 for specified purposes, 28.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 \(c. 1\), s. 25\(2\)](#), [Sch. 5 para. 34](#)

Commencement Information

- II** S. 17 in force at 15.1.2012 by [S.I. 2012/57, art. 4\(1\)\(a\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7, arts. 9-11)

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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. 158(8)-(9B) substituted for s. 158(8)(9) by [2016 c. 22 s. 121\(2\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 202(3A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 176\(2\)](#)