STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 3224

The Local Audit (Auditor Panel) Regulations 2014

Application of local authority enactments to auditor panels: access to meetings and documents

9.—(1) This regulation applies to an auditor panel of a relevant authority which is—

- (a) a panel appointed as an auditor panel by the authority,
- (b) a panel appointed as an auditor panel by the authority and one or more other relevant authorities, or
- (c) a committee of the authority.

(2) Section 100A of the 1972 Act(1) (as applied by section 100E(1) of that Act), and section 100I(1) of, and Parts 1 to 3 of Schedule 12A to, that Act apply to an auditor panel to which this regulation applies as if—

- (a) the panel were a committee of a principal council;
- (b) references to a resolution of a committee of a principal council were references to a written decision of the auditor panel;
- (c) references to the resolution being passed were references to the decision being made;
- (d) section 100A(6)(a) imposed a duty to make arrangements for notice of the time and place of a meeting of the panel to be displayed at the principal office of each authority for which the panel is the auditor panel at least five clear days before the meeting or, if the meeting is convened at shorter notice, at the time it is convened; and
- (e) paragraph 11(2)(b) of Schedule 12A included within the definition of "the authority" for the purposes of that Schedule any relevant authority for which the panel is the auditor panel and any other committee or sub-committee of such an authority.

(3) Section 100B of the 1972 Act, as applied by section 100E(1) of that Act, applies to copies of the agenda and reports for a meeting of an auditor panel to which this regulation applies as if—

- (a) the panel were a committee of a principal council;
- (b) subsection (1) of section 100B imposed a duty to make arrangement for copies of the agenda for a meeting of the panel and, subject to subsection (2) of that section, any report for the meeting to be open to inspection by members of the public in accordance with subsection (3) of that section at the principal office of each authority for which the panel is the auditor panel; and
- (c) references to the proper officer, and to the chairman of the meeting, were references to the chair of the panel.
- (4) In this regulation "principal council" has the same meaning as in the 1972 Act(2).

⁽¹⁾ Part 5A (sections 100A to 100K and Schedule 12A) of the Local Government Act 1972 was inserted by Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (c.43). Section 110A was amended by S.I. 2002/715 and S.I. 2014/2095; section 100B was amended by S.I. 2002/715; Schedule 12A was substituted by S.I. 2006/88.

⁽²⁾ See section 270(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.