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Extension
of powers
of local
authorities.

4.—(1) A local authority (may) acquire, lay out, provide with suitable buildings and otherwise equip, and maintain lands, whether situate within or without their area, for the purpose of gymnasiums, playing fields, holiday camps or camping sites, or for the purpose of centres for the use of clubs, societies or organisations having athletic, social or educational objects, and (may) manage those lands and buildings themselves, either with or without a charge for the use thereof or admission thereto, or may let them, or any portion thereof, at a nominal or other rent to any person, club, society or organisation for use for any of the purposes aforesaid.

The authority may also provide and, where necessary, arrange for the training of, such wardens, teachers and leaders as they may deem requisite for securing that effective use is made of the facilities for exercise, recreation and social activities so provided.

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Geo. 5. c. 71.

(2) Section seventy of the Public Health Act, 1925 (which relates to the use of public offices for entertainments and the like), shall apply in relation to any premises provided by a local authority under the preceding subsection as if those premises were offices for the transaction of business, and as if any local authority as defined by this Act were a local authority for the purposes of the said section seventy.

26 Geo. 5. &
1 Edw. 8.
c. 49.

(3) A county council may provide public swimming baths and bathing places under Part VIII of the Public Health Act, 1936, and, accordingly, in sections two hundred and twenty-one to two hundred and twenty-nine of that Act any reference to a local authority or their district shall, in relation to public swimming baths and bathing places, be construed as including a reference to a county council or their county.

(4) A local authority may contribute towards expenses incurred by another local authority, whether under this or any other Act, or by a voluntary organisation, in providing or maintaining within the area of the contributing authority, or on a site where it will benefit any of the inhabitants of that area, anything mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, or a swimming bath or bathing place.

54 & 55 Vict.
c. 22.

(5) Section sixty-nine of the Public Health Act, 1925, and so much of the Museums and Gymnasiums Act, 1891, as relates to gymnasiums, shall cease to have

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under this subsection by reason of a failure to comply with such conditions as are mentioned in subsection (3)(b) of this section if it is shown that there is a reasonable excuse for the failure".

Annotations:

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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Marginal Citations

M1 1970 c. 53.

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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 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.

F1(4)

(5) Any property which, immediately before the date when this subsection comes into force, is held by a local authority F2. . . for the purposes of section 221(b) of the M1Public Health Act 1936 or F2. . . section 4 of the M2Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937 or, in pursuance of section 144(1)(b) of the M3Local 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 F2. . .

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[F3(5A)]

- X1(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".

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- 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)

Marginal Citations

- M1 1936 c. 49.
- M2 1937 c. 46.
- M3 1972 c. 70.

Editorial Information

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20 Provision of sanitary appliances at places of entertainment

- (1) A local authority (other than a county council [F1 in England] and the Greater London Council) may, by a notice served on an owner or occupier of a relevant place in the area of the authority, require him—
- (a) to provide, before the expiration of a period specified in the notice and in such positions at the place as are so specified, sanitary appliances of such kinds and numbers as are so specified;
 - (b) to maintain and keep clean the appliances to the reasonable satisfaction of the authority;
 - (c) to provide and maintain a proper supply of such things for use in connection with the appliances as are so specified (which may be or include cold water or hot water or both); and
 - (d) to make the appliances and things available for use by members of the public resorting to the place and, if the notice so requires, to make them so available free of charge.
- (2) A notice in pursuance of this section may require the provision of sanitary appliances on such occasions as are specified in the notice but if it does so it shall not also require the provision of sanitary appliances as respects which occasions are not so specified.
- (3) A notice in pursuance of this section—
- (a) shall not require the provision, in connection with any building for which fixed sanitary appliances could be required by virtue of building regulations in force when the notice is served if the building were to be newly constructed then, of fixed sanitary appliances which are of a different kind from, or which as respects a particular kind are more numerous than, those which could be required as aforesaid;
 - (b) shall not require the provision of movable sanitary appliances at a betting office; 146
 - (c) shall, unless it is an occasional notice, specify as the period before the expiration of