STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1965 No. 1666

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Local Government (Conferences) Regulations 1965

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Coming into Operation 13*th September* 1965

The Minister of Housing and Local Government, in exercise of his powers under section 267 of the Local Government Act 1933(a), as amended by section 113(3) of the Local Government Act 1948(b) and section 16 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act 1963(c) and extended by section 1 of the said Act of 1963, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Conferences) Regulations 1965 and shall come into operation on 13th September 1965.

(2) The Local Government (Conferences) Regulations 1948(d) are hereby revoked, without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered thereunder.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"financial year" means the period of twelve months ending on 31st March; and

"the Minister" in relation to Wales and Monmouthshire means the Secretary of State, and save as aforesaid means the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

3.—(1) Subject to the conditions contained in this regulation, the power conferred on local authorities by section 267 of the Local Government Act 1933, as amended and extended as aforesaid, to pay expenses incurred by members of the authority or of any committee thereof in attending a conference or meeting shall extend to all conferences and meetings to which the said section 267 as so amended and extended applies, except meetings of bodies of managers or governors constituted under section 17 of the Education Act 1944(f).

(2) In the case of local authorities other than parish councils the said conditions are that a local authority shall not—

(a) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 51.
(b) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 26.
(c) 1963 c. 46.
(d) S.I. 1948/1932 (Rev. XII, p.481 : 1948 I, p.1718).
(e) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(f) 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 31.

(*a*) pay expenses in respect of attendance at a conference or meeting unless the attendance thereat is authorised by the authority;

(*b*) without the consent of the Minister pay expenses in respect of attendance at a conference or meeting outside the United Kingdom;

(*c*) without the consent of the Minister pay the expenses of more than—

(i) four members in respect of their attendance at a conference or meeting convened by the County Councils Association, the Association of Municipal Corporations, the Urban District Councils Association or the Rural District Councils Association;

(ii) three members in the case of the Greater London Council, or two members in the case of any other local authority, in respect of their attendance at a conference or meeting convened by any person or body other than the said Associations:

Provided that—

(*a*) a local authority may, in addition to paying the expenses of members in respect of attendance at a conference or meeting in accordance with sub-paragraph (*c*)(i) of this paragraph, pay the expenses of any member of the authority who is chairman of the association concerned or of any of its committees;

(*b*) the limitations on the number of members whose expenses may be paid shall not apply in the case of a conference or meeting convened by a government department or a local authority or by any other body exercising functions conferred by or under an enactment, being a conference or meeting convened for the purpose of discussing any matter affecting the area of the local authority or its inhabitants, or in the case of a conference or meeting held solely for the purpose of instructing members in their role or duties as members of a local authority.

(3) In the case of parish councils the said conditions are—

(*a*) that a parish council shall not pay expenses in respect of attendance at a conference or meeting unless the attendance thereat is authorised by the council;

(*b*) that a parish council shall not without the consent of the Minister pay expenses in respect of attendance at a conference or meeting held outside the United Kingdom;

(*c*) that a parish council shall not without the consent of the Minister pay expenses in respect of the attendance of more than one member at the triennial conference of the National Association of Parish Councils;

(*d*) that apart from—

(i) attendance at the said triennial conference, and

(ii) attendance at conferences and meetings convened by a government department, the Local Government Commission or a local authority to consider proposals for local government reorganisation involving the extent or abolition of the parish, or at conferences or meetings held solely for the purpose of instructing members in their role or duties as members of a parish council,

a parish council shall not without the consent of the Minister pay expenses in respect of a greater number of attendances in a financial year than the number applicable to the council in accordance with the next following paragraph.

(4) the said number is—

(*a*) 5 where the population of the parish (or, in the case of a joint parish council, the aggregate population of the combined parishes) does not exceed 5,000;

(*b*) 7 where the said population exceeds 5,000 but does not exceed 10,000;

(*c*) 10 where the said population exceeds 10,000.

4. A consent given under any provision of these regulations may be given either generally or specially.

5. A local authority may, in any case in which they consider it desirable to do so, incur reasonable expense in purchasing reports of the proceedings of any conference or meeting to which the said section 267, as amended and extended as aforesaid, applies.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government on 2nd September 1965.

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Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These regulations supersede the Local Government (Conferences) Regulations 1948 and the London Government (Conferences) Regulations 1949 (S.I. 1949/455) with regard to expenses in connection with conferences and meetings of local authorities and associations of local authorities.