

Order made by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, laid before Parliament under section 3(10) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

2014 No.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Local Government (Transparency) (Descriptions of Information) (England) Order 2014

Made - - - - *20th June 2014*

Laid before Parliament *24th June 2014*

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, after consultation with such associations of authorities to whom section 2 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980(a) applies as appear to him to be concerned and any such authority with whom consultation appears to him to be desirable, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(6) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Government (Transparency) (Descriptions of Information) (England) Order 2014 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is approved by resolution of the second House of Parliament to approve it.

(2) This Order applies in relation to authorities in England only.

Information to which section 3(4) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 applies

2. Section 3(4) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 shall apply to the following descriptions of information—

- (a) information about any expenditure incurred by authorities; and
- (b) information about any legally enforceable agreement entered into by authorities and any invitations to tender for such agreements.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

20th June 2014

Baroness Stowell of Beeston
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Communities and Local Government

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under section 2 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (“the 1980 Act”), the Secretary of State may issue a code of recommended practice on the publication of information by local authorities. Under section 3 of the 1980 Act, the Secretary of State may by regulations require authorities to publish the information specified in such a code, in the manner and form and on the occasions specified in that code. However, the Secretary of State may only require authorities to publish information on occasions recurring more than once a year if the information falls within a description of information to which section 3(4) of the 1980 Act applies. Section 3(4) applies to the descriptions of information listed in section 3(5) of the 1980 Act and also to any further categories to which the Secretary of State has directed by order it should apply.

This Order adds to the descriptions of information about which the Secretary of State may require authorities in England to which section 2 of that Act applies to publish information on occasions recurring more than once a year.

No impact assessment has been produced for this instrument as the Order itself has no impact on the private, voluntary or public sector. The Department has published an impact assessment in relation to the effects of the Local Government Transparency Code 2014. Both the Code and the impact assessment are available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-transparency-code-2014>.

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