



# Regional Development Agencies Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 45

### PART I

#### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

##### *Activities*

#### 4 Purposes.

- (1) A regional development agency shall have the following purposes—
- to further the economic development and the regeneration of its area,
  - to promote business efficiency, investment and competitiveness in its area,
  - to promote employment in its area,
  - to enhance the development and application of skills relevant to employment in its area, and
  - to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom where it is relevant to its area to do so.
- (2) A regional development agency's purposes apply as much in relation to the rural parts of its area as in relation to the non-rural parts of its area.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 4 extended (30.5.2006) by [London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 36(1), 40(2)**; [S.I. 2006/1118](#), **art. 2(5)**

#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 4 wholly in force at 3.7.2000; s. 4 not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 43](#); s. 4 in force for certain purposes at 25.11.1998 by [S.I. 1998/2952](#), **art. 2(2)**; s. 4 in force at 3.7.2000 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2000/1173](#), **art. 2(2)(c)**

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## 5 Powers.

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Part, a regional development agency may do anything which it considers expedient for its purposes, or for purposes incidental thereto.
- (2) A regional development agency may only—
- (a) give financial assistance,
  - (b) dispose of land for less than the best consideration which can reasonably be obtained, or
  - (c) form, or acquire an interest in, a body corporate,
- if the Secretary of State consents.
- (3) A regional development agency may only provide housing by acquiring existing housing accommodation and making it available on a temporary basis for purposes incidental to its purposes.

<sup>F1</sup>(4) .....

### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 5(4) repealed (31.3.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), **Sch. 25 Pt. 32**; S.I. 2012/628, art. 4(d)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** S. 5 applied (with modifications) (E.) (31.1.2008) by [The European Regional Development Fund \(East of England Operational Programme\) \(Implementation\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3624\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C3** S. 5 applied (with modifications) (E.) (31.1.2008) by [The European Regional Development Fund \(East Midlands Operational Programme\) \(Implementation\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3625\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C4** S. 5 applied (with modifications) (E.) (31.1.2008) by [The European Regional Development Fund \(West Midlands Operational Programme\) \(Implementation\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3618\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C5** S. 5 applied (with modifications) (E.) (31.1.2008) by [The European Regional Development Fund \(South West Operational Programmes\) \(Implementation\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3623\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C6** S. 5 applied (with modifications) (E.) (31.1.2008) by [The European Regional Development Fund \(North West Operational Programme\) \(Implementation\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3622\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C7** S. 5 applied (with modifications) (E.) (31.1.2008) by [The European Regional Development Fund \(South East Operational Programme\) \(Implementation\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3620\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C8** S. 5 applied (with modifications) (E.) (31.1.2008) by [The European Regional Development Fund \(Yorkshire and the Humber Operational Programme\) \(Implementation\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3619\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C9** S. 5 applied (with modifications) (E.) (31.1.2008) by [The European Regional Development Fund \(North East Operational Programme\) \(Implementation\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3621\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9(4)**
- C10** S. 5 applied (with modifications) (E.) (19.6.2008) by [The European Regional Development Fund \(London Operational Programme\) \(Implementation\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1342\)](#), regs. 1(1), **10(7)**

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#### Commencement Information

- I2** S. 5 wholly in force at 3.7.2000; s. 5 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 43; s. 5 in force for certain purposes at 25.11.1998 by [S.I. 1998/2952](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#); s. 5 in force at 3.7.2000 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2000/1173](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#)

### 6 Delegation of functions by Ministers.

- (1) A Minister of the Crown may, to such extent and subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, delegate any eligible function of his to a regional development agency.
- (2) A function is eligible for the purposes of subsection (1) if—
  - (a) it does not consist of a power to make regulations or other instruments of a legislative character or a power to fix fees or charges, and
  - (b) the Secretary of State considers that it can appropriately be exercised by the regional development agency concerned.
- (3) No delegation under subsection (1) may be made without the agreement of the regional development agency concerned, unless a corresponding delegation is made at the same time to all the other regional development agencies.
- (4) No variation of a delegation under subsection (1) may be made without the agreement of the regional development agency concerned, unless—
  - (a) the delegation did not require the agency's agreement, and
  - (b) a corresponding variation of every corresponding delegation to another regional development agency is made at the same time.
- (5) A delegation under subsection (1) may be revoked at any time.
- (6) Schedule 3 (which makes provision for transfer schemes in connection with the delegation of a function, or the revocation of the delegation of a function, under this section) shall have effect.

<sup>F2</sup>(7) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** [S. 6\(7\)](#) repealed (31.3.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 25 Pt. 32](#); [S.I. 2012/628](#), [art. 4\(d\)](#)

#### Commencement Information

- I3** S. 6 wholly in force; s. 6 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 43; s. 6 in force for certain purposes at 25.11.1998 by [S.I. 1998/2952](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#); s. 6 in force for certain purposes at 8.5.2000 and in force at 3.7.2000 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2000/1173](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)

### <sup>F3</sup>6A Delegation of functions to the Mayor of London and the London Development Agency.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F3** S. 6A repealed (31.3.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), **Sch. 25 Pt. 32**; S.I. 2012/628, art. 4(d)

**[<sup>F47</sup> Regional strategy**

(1) A regional development agency shall in exercising its functions have regard to the regional strategy for its region.

(2) In subsection (1) “regional strategy” means the regional strategy under Part 5 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

<sup>F5</sup>(3) . . . . .]

**Textual Amendments**

**F4** S. 7 substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 83, 148(5)**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(bb)

**F5** S. 7(3) repealed (31.3.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), **Sch. 25 Pt. 32**; S.I. 2012/628, art. 4(d)

**<sup>F67A</sup> The London Development Agency strategy.**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F6** Ss. 7A, 7B repealed (31.3.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), **Sch. 25 Pt. 32**; S.I. 2012/628, art. 4(d)

**<sup>F67B</sup> Secretary of State’s functions in relation to the London Development Agency strategy.**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F6** Ss. 7A, 7B repealed (31.3.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), **Sch. 25 Pt. 32**; S.I. 2012/628, art. 4(d)

**<sup>F78</sup> Regional consultation.**

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**Textual Amendments**

- F7** S. 8 repealed (1.4.2010) by Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20), s. 148(5), Sch. 5 para. 7, **Sch. 7 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)(ii)

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