



Further Education and Training Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 25

PART 1

THE LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND

The Council

2 Regional councils

After section 18 of LSA 2000 insert—

“Regional councils

18A Regional councils

- (1) The Council must establish a committee (to be called a regional learning and skills council) for each area of England specified by the Secretary of State.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about regional councils.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may, in particular, make provision about—
 - (a) the membership of a regional council;
 - (b) the appointment of the members of a regional council;
 - (c) the appointment of a member of a regional council as chairman;
 - (d) the holding and vacation of office as a member or chairman of a regional council (including a person’s re-appointment, resignation and removal from office);
 - (e) the appointment by the Council of its employees as staff of a regional council;
 - (f) the delegation of functions by a regional council to its chairman;

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- (g) the delegation by the chairman of a regional council of functions that he is authorised to exercise to a member of the regional council;
 - (h) the delegation of functions by a regional council, with the consent of the Council, to a member of staff of the regional council;
 - (i) the payment by the Council of such salaries and such travelling, subsistence and other allowances to the chairman and other members of a regional council as the Secretary of State may determine;
 - (j) the provision of information to the Secretary of State;
 - (k) the attendance of a representative of the Secretary of State at, and the participation of such a representative in, any meeting of a regional council;
 - (l) the validity of the proceedings of a regional council;
 - (m) the regulation by a regional council of its own procedure.
- (4) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (3)(a) may provide for the membership of a regional council to include persons who are not members of the Council.
- (5) A consent given under subsection (3)(h) by the Council may relate to a particular function or to such descriptions of function as may be specified in the consent.

18B Functions of regional councils

- (1) A regional council—
- (a) must perform in relation to its area such of the Council’s duties as the Council specifies;
 - (b) may exercise in relation to its area such of the Council’s powers as the Council specifies.
- (2) A regional council—
- (a) must perform in relation to such places outside its area as the Council specifies such of the Council’s duties as the Council specifies;
 - (b) may exercise in relation to such places outside its area as the Council specifies such of the Council’s powers as the Council specifies.

18C Guidance to regional councils

- (1) In relation to each financial year of the Council it must prepare guidance for each regional council.
- (2) The guidance must include objectives which a regional council should achieve in seeking to carry out its functions.
- (3) The guidance must set a regional council’s budget for the financial year.
- (4) The Council must consult the regional development agencies and local authorities on the guidance.
- (5) After consulting under subsection (4) and (if appropriate) altering the guidance the Council must issue the guidance to the regional council.

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- (6) The guidance in relation to the financial year of the Council in which section 2 of the Further Education and Training Act 2007 comes into force must be prepared as soon as reasonably practicable after that section comes into force.
- (7) The guidance in relation to any subsequent financial year of the Council must be prepared in time for the guidance to be issued before the financial year starts.
- (8) A regional development agency is a development agency established by section 1 of the Regional Development Agencies Act 1998.”