

*Draft Order laid before the House of Commons under section 52F(7)(a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for approval by resolution of the House of Commons.*

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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No.**

**COUNCIL TAX, ENGLAND**

**The Council Tax Limitation (England)  
(Maximum Amounts) Order 2005**

*Made* - - - - *July 2005*  
*Coming into force* - - *July 2005*

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 52F(4) and (7) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992(1).

The First Secretary of State, pursuant to section 52D(2)(a) of that Act, designated each of the authorities listed in the Schedule to this Order as regards the financial year beginning in 2005.

The First Secretary of State notified each of those authorities in writing pursuant to section 52E(2) of that Act of his decision to designate it, the principles determined under section 52B of that Act in relation to it, the amount which he proposed should be the maximum for the amount calculated by it as its budget requirement for the year, the target amount for the year (that is the maximum amount which he proposed it could calculate as its budget requirement for the year without the amount calculated being excessive), and the financial year as regards which he expected the amount calculated by it as its budget requirement for that year to be equal to or less than the target amount for that year.

Each of the authorities listed in the Schedule to this Order informed the First Secretary of State by notice in writing under section 52E(5)(a) of that Act that, for the reasons stated in the notice, it believed the maximum amount stated under section 52E(2)(d) of that Act should be such as was stated in its notice.

The First Secretary of State has considered, as regards each authority, the information supplied by it (being information of a kind, and provided in a form specified by him for the purposes of section 52F of the Act), and such other information as he thinks is relevant.

In accordance with section 52F(7)(a) of that Act a draft of this Order was laid before and approved by resolution of the House of Commons.

The First Secretary of State makes the following Order:

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(1) 1992 c. 14. Sections 52A to 52Z of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 were inserted by section 30 of and Schedule 1 to the Local Government Act 1999 (c. 27).

**Citation, commencement and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order 2005 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(2) This Order applies to authorities in England only<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Maximum amounts**

2. The amount which the amount calculated by an authority listed in the Schedule to this Order as its budget requirement for the financial year beginning in 2005 is not to exceed is the amount shown against the name of the authority in the Schedule, which amount does not in the case of any such authority exceed the amount already calculated by the authority as its budget requirement for that year.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State

July 2005

Minister of State  
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

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(2) Functions under Chapter IVA of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to authorities in England: in relation to authorities in Wales, the functions are exercisable by the National Assembly for Wales: *see* section 52Z of that Act.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

Maximum Amounts

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Maximum amount</i>
The council of the district of Aylesbury Vale	£18,363,000
The council of the district of Daventry	£7,779,000
The council of the district of Hambleton	£7,397,000
The council of the district of Huntingdonshire	£15,160,000
The council of the district of Mid Bedfordshire	£11,193,000
The council of the district of North Dorset	£5,912,000
The council of the borough of Runnymede	£8,193,000
The council of the district of South Cambridgeshire	£11,350,000

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order applies to Aylesbury Vale, Daventry, Hambleton, Huntingdonshire, Mid Bedfordshire, North Dorset, and South Cambridgeshire district councils and Runnymede borough council. It states the amount which the amount calculated by each of those authorities as its budget requirement for the financial year beginning in 2005 is not to exceed.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as the Secretary of State cannot make assumptions as to which services and activities may be affected when authorities calculate lower budget requirements.