



# New Towns Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 64

### PART I

#### NEW TOWNS AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS

##### *New towns*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>1A Local authority to oversee development of new town**

- (1) This section applies where the Secretary of State is considering designating an area of land in England as the site of a proposed new town in an order under section 1.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, in an order under section 1, appoint one or more local authorities to oversee the development of the area as a new town.
- (3) But a local authority may only be appointed if the area of land mentioned in subsection (1) is wholly or partly within the area of the local authority.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about how a local authority is to oversee the development of an area as a new town.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) may, for example—
  - (a) provide that a local authority is to exercise specified functions under this Act which would otherwise be exercisable by the Secretary of State, the appropriate Minister or the Treasury;
  - (b) provide that a local authority is to exercise such functions subject to specified conditions or limitations;
  - (c) provide that specified functions under this Act may be exercised only with the consent of a local authority;
  - (d) make provision about the membership of a corporation established under section 3, including the proportion of the members of the corporation who may be members of or employed by a local authority;
  - (e) modify provisions of this Act;
  - (f) make different provision for different purposes;

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- (g) make incidental, supplementary or consequential provision.
- (6) In subsection (5)(a) the reference to “functions” does not include a power to make regulations or other instruments of a legislative character.
- (7) Where two or more local authorities are appointed in an order containing provision by virtue of subsection (2), the Secretary of State may in that order provide—
  - (a) that a specified function is to be exercised by a specified local authority, or
  - (b) that a specified function is to be exercised by two or more specified local authorities jointly.
- (8) In this section—
  - “local authority” means—
    - (a) a district council,
    - (b) a county council, or
    - (c) a London borough council;
  - “specified” means specified in—
    - (a) an order containing provision by virtue of subsection (2), or
    - (b) regulations under subsection (4).]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 1A inserted (19.7.2017) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 16(2)**, 46(1); S.I. 2017/767, reg. 2(f)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 1A(3) omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 1A(5)(b) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1A(5)(c) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1A(5)(d) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 1A(7) omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1A(8) words omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(6\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 1A(8) words omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(6\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1A(1) omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 1A(2) omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 1A(4) word inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 1A(4) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1A(5)(a) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1ZA1ZB inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 172\(2\)](#)
- s. 2(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 8](#)
- s. 3(2B)-(2D) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 172\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 3(2ZA)(2ZB) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 178\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 7A7B inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 175\(2\)](#)
- s. 60(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 179\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 77(3E) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 10A10B and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 175\(3\)](#)