



# Audit Commission Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 18

### PART III

#### STUDIES, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS

##### *Performance standards of local authorities etc.*

#### **45 Permitted methods of publishing information under section 44**

- (1) The permitted methods of publication referred to in section 44(2)(b) are as follows.
- (2) The relevant body may publish the information in a newspaper printed for sale and circulating in its area.
- (3) If the relevant body ensures that the distribution condition is satisfied with respect to the information, it may publish the information in a newspaper or periodical publication which is produced and distributed by another person (other than a local authority company) and which is free of charge to the recipient.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a relevant body ensures that the distribution condition is satisfied with respect to information if—
  - (a) the body takes all reasonable steps to secure that a copy of a publication containing the information is distributed to each dwelling in its area; and
  - (b) in a case where the body considers that the information is of concern to persons carrying on business in its area, the body takes such steps as it considers reasonable and practicable to secure that a copy of a publication containing the information is distributed to business premises in its area.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (3) a local authority company is any company under the control of a local authority; and section 68(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (company under control of local authority) has effect for the purposes of this subsection as it has effect for the purposes of Part V of that Act.