EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make incidental, consequential, transitional and supplementary provision of general application for the purposes or in consequence of orders made under section 17 of the Local Government Act 1992.

Regulations 2, 3 and 4 make minor and drafting amendments in earlier sets of Regulations of general application.

Regulation 5 makes provision with respect to preparations for the implementation of a structural change by which a county council's functions are transferred to one or more existing district councils in the county.

Regulation 6 provides that councillors for any electoral area wholly comprised in a part of an existing county or district which is affected by a structural or boundary change shall not take part in the county or district council's decisions on precepts or council tax for the financial year beginning on the date the structural or boundary change takes place.

Regulation 7 makes provision to enable a district council in a county which has the same boundaries as the district, but which has no county council, to change the name of the county.

Regulation 8 amends the Sheriffs Act 1887 by inserting a definition of "county" for the purposes of the Act in relation to England.

Regulation 9 amends the Reserve Forces Act 1980 to provide that, for the purposes of the provisions of that Act relating to the lieutenancy in England, the meaning of "county" is to be the same as in the Sheriffs Act 1887.