

2004 No. 1704

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) Order 2004

Made - - - - *5th July 2004*

Laid before Parliament *8th July 2004*

Coming into force - - *29th July 2004*

The First Secretary of State, having received a report from the Audit Commission^(a) produced under section 99(1) of the Local Government Act 2003^(b) in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 99(4) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) Order 2004 and shall come into force on 29th July 2004.

(2) This Order applies in relation to English local authorities^(c).

Categorisation report

2. The English local authorities, to which the report of the Audit Commission dated 1st July 2004 relates, are by this Order categorised in accordance with their categorisation in that report, as provided below.

Excellent authorities

3. The local authorities listed in Schedule 1 to this Order are categorised as excellent.

Good authorities

4. The local authorities listed in Schedule 2 to this Order are categorised as good.

Fair authorities

5. The local authorities listed in Schedule 3 to this Order are categorised as fair.

Weak authorities

6. The local authorities listed in Schedule 4 to this Order are categorised as weak.

(a) For the definition of “the Audit Commission”, see section 99(7) of the Local Government Act 2003.

(b) 2003 c. 26. The report of the Audit Commission consists of a letter from the Chief Executive of the Audit Commission to the Director of Local Government Performance and Practice at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister dated 1st July 2004 with the attached list of local authorities categorised by the Audit Commission as of that date.

(c) For the definition of “English local authority”, see section 99(7) of the Local Government Act 2003.

Poor authorities

7. The local authorities listed in Schedule 5 to this Order are categorised as poor.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State

5th July 2004

Nick Raynsford
Minister of State
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Excellent Authorities

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
Bexley London Borough Council
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Blyth Valley Borough Council
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council
Cambridge City Council
Camden London Borough Council
Canterbury City Council
Cheshire County Council
Chester City Council
Chichester District Council
Chiltern District Council
Colchester Borough Council
Cornwall County Council
Corporation of London
Derbyshire County Council
Derbyshire Dales District Council
Dorset County Council
Easington District Council
East Riding of Yorkshire District Council
Elmbridge Borough Council
Exeter City Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Guildford Borough Council
Hambleton District Council
Hammersmith & Fulham London Borough Council
Hampshire County Council
Hartlepool Borough Council
Hertfordshire County Council
High Peak Borough Council
Horsham District Council

Kensington & Chelsea Royal Borough Council
Kent County Council
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
New Forest District Council
Runnymede Borough Council
South Hams District Council
Spelthorne Borough Council
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Sunderland City Council
Tameside Metropolitan District Council
Telford & Wrekin District Council
Wandsworth London Borough Council
Wellingborough Borough Council
West Sussex County Council
Westminster City Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Good Authorities

Alnwick District Council
Arun District Council
Ashford Borough Council
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Bath & North East Somerset District Council
Bolsover District Council
Bracknell Forest Borough Council
Bradford City Council
Braintree District Council
Breckland District Council
Brentwood Borough Council
Broxbourne Borough Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Burnley Borough Council

Cambridgeshire County Council
Carlisle City Council
Chelmsford Borough Council
Cherwell District Council
Chesterfield Borough Council
Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council
Croydon London Borough Council
Dacorum Borough Council
Darlington Borough Council
Derby City Council
Derwentside District Council
Devon County Council
Durham County Council
East Devon District Council
East Dorset District Council
East Hertfordshire District Council
East Sussex County Council
Eastbourne Borough Council
Eastleigh Borough Council
Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council
Epping Forest District Council
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Essex County Council
Fareham Borough Council
Gedling Borough Council
Gloucestershire County Council
Gosport Borough Council
Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Greenwich London Borough Council
Halton Borough Council
Hastings Borough Council
Havant Borough Council
Herefordshire District Council
Ipswich Borough Council
Kennet District Council

Kettering Borough Council
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council
Kingston Upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Lancashire County Council
Leeds City Council
Leicester City Council
Leicestershire County Council
Lewes District Council
Lewisham London Borough Council
Lichfield District Council
Liverpool City Metropolitan District Council
Luton Borough Council
Macclesfield Borough Council
Manchester City Council
Medway District Council
Middlesbrough Borough Council
Mole Valley District Council
Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council
Newham London Borough Council
Norfolk County Council
North Kesteven District Council
North Lincolnshire District Council
North Yorkshire County Council
Northumberland County Council
Nottinghamshire County Council
Pendle Borough Council
Poole Borough Council
Portsmouth City Council
Preston Borough Council
Reading Borough Council
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
Richmond Upon Thames London Borough Council
Rushcliffe Borough Council
Rushmoor Borough Council

Ryedale District Council
Salisbury District Council
Scarborough Borough Council
Sedgefield Borough Council
Sheffield City Council
Shropshire County Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
South Gloucestershire District Council
South Norfolk District Council
South Oxfordshire District Council
South Ribble Borough Council
Southampton City Council
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Stevenage Borough Council
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Suffolk County Council
Surrey County Council
Sutton London Borough Council
Tandridge District Council
Teignbridge District Council
Tendring District Council
Test Valley Borough Council
Three Rivers District Council
Tower Hamlets London Borough Council
Vale Royal Borough Council
Warrington Borough Council
Warwickshire County Council
Waverley Borough Council
Wealden District Council
West Devon Borough Council
West Lancashire District Council
West Oxfordshire District Council
Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough Council
Woking Borough Council
Wokingham District Council

Worcestershire County Council
Wychavon District Council
York District Council

SCHEDULE 3

Article 5

Fair Authorities

Adur District Council
Allerdale Borough Council
Ashfield District Council
Barking & Dagenham London Borough Council
Barnet London Borough Council
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council
Basildon District Council
Bassetlaw District Council
Blackpool Borough Council
Boston Borough Council
Bournemouth Borough Council
Brent London Borough Council
Brighton & Hove District Council
Bristol City Council
Broadland District Council
Broxtowe Borough Council
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cannock Chase District Council
Chorley Borough Council
Christchurch Borough Council
Copeland Borough Council
Craven District Council
Crawley Borough Council
Daventry District Council
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Durham City Council
Ealing London Borough Council
East Northamptonshire District Council
East Staffordshire Borough Council
Eden District Council
Enfield London Borough Council
Harrogate Borough Council
Harrow London Borough Council
Hart District Council
Hertsmere Borough Council
Hounslow London Borough Council
Hyndburn Borough Council
Isle of Wight County Council
Isles of Scilly Council
Lancaster City Council
Lincoln City Council
Lincolnshire County Council
Mid Sussex District Council
Milton Keynes District Council
Newark and Sherwood District Council
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
North Hertfordshire District Council
North Norfolk District Council
North Somerset District Council
Norwich City Council
Nottingham City Council
Oxfordshire County Council
Peterborough City Council
Purbeck District Council
Redbridge London Borough Council
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Ribble Valley Borough Council
Richmondshire District Council
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Rother District Council

Rutland District Council
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council
Slough Borough Council
Somerset County Council
South Buckinghamshire District Council
South Derbyshire District Council
South Holland District Council
South Kesteven District Council
South Northamptonshire District Council
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Southwark London Borough Council
St. Albans City Council
Stafford Borough Council
Staffordshire County Council
Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Tamworth Borough Council
Uttlesford District Council
Vale of White Horse District Council
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Wansbeck District Council
Wear Valley District Council
Welwyn Hatfield District Council
West Berkshire District Council
West Dorset District Council
West Lindsey District Council
West Wiltshire District Council
Wiltshire County Council
Winchester City Council
Wirral Metropolitan District Council
Wolverhampton City Council
Worthing Borough Council

SCHEDULE 4

Article 6

Weak Authorities

Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council
Birmingham City Council
Bromley London Borough Council
Castle Morpeth Borough Council
Congleton Borough Council
Coventry City Council
Cumbria County Council
East Lindsey District Council
Fylde Borough Council
Haringey London Borough Council
Havering London Borough Council
Hillingdon London Borough Council
Islington London Borough Council
Mansfield District Council
Merton London Borough Council
Mid Devon District Council
North Devon District Council
North Dorset District Council
North East Derbyshire District Council
North East Lincolnshire District Council
Northamptonshire County Council
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Oxford City Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Salford City Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Selby District Council
South Lakeland District Council
Thurrock Borough Council
Torbay District Council
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Watford Borough Council
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council
Wyre Borough Council

SCHEDULE 5

Article 7

Poor authorities

Bedfordshire County Council
Bromsgrove District Council
Chester-le-Street District Council
Hackney London Borough Council
Kingston-upon-Hull City Council
Lambeth London Borough Council
North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Northampton Borough Council
Plymouth City Council
Rossendale Borough Council
Swindon Borough Council
Teesdale District Council
Torridge District Council
Waltham Forest London Borough Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order categorises local authorities in England into five categories according to performance. The categorisation follows a report of the Audit Commission on 1st July 2004. A copy of the report may be obtained free of charge from Andrew Whitehead, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Eland House, Bressenden Place London SW1E 5DU; telephone 020 7944 3846 or email Andrew.Whitehead@odpm.gsi.gov.uk.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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