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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 694**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) Order 2005**

*Made* - - - - *14th March 2005*  
*Laid before Parliament* *21st March 2005*  
*Coming into force* - - *11th April 2005*

The First Secretary of State, having received a report from the Audit Commission<sup>(1)</sup> produced under section 99(1) of the Local Government Act 2003<sup>(2)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred 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 2005 and shall come into force on 11th April 2005.

(2) This Order applies in relation to English local authorities<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Categorisation report**

2. The English local authorities, to which the report of the Audit Commission dated 7th March 2005 relates, are, by this Order, categorised in accordance with their categorisation in that report.

**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.

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

(2) 2003 c. 26. The report of the Audit Commission consists of a letter from the Chief Executive of the Audit Commission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister dated 7th March 2005 with the attached list of local authorities categorised by the Audit Commission as of that date.

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

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**Weak authorities**

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

**Poor authorities**

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

**Revocation**

8. The Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) (No.2) Order 2004(4) is revoked.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State

14th March 2005

*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  
Cambridgeshire County 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  
Derby City Council  
Derbyshire County Council  
Derbyshire Dales District Council  
Dorset County Council  
Durham 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  
Huntingdonshire District Council  
Kensington & Chelsea Royal Borough Council  
Kent County Council

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Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council  
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council  
Lancashire County Council  
Leicestershire County Council  
Maidstone Borough Council  
New Forest District Council  
North Cornwall District Council  
North Lincolnshire District Council  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
Runnymede Borough Council  
Sheffield City Council  
Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council  
Shropshire County Council  
South Hams District Council  
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council  
Spelthorne Borough Council  
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council  
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council  
Suffolk County Council  
Sunderland City Council  
Tameside Metropolitan District Council  
Taunton Deane Borough Council  
Telford & Wrekin District Council  
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council  
Wandsworth London Borough Council  
Warwick District Council  
Warwickshire County Council  
Wellingborough Borough Council  
West Sussex County Council  
Westminster City Council  
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council  
Worcestershire County Council

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Good Authorities

Alwick District Council  
Arun District Council  
Ashford Borough Council

Aylesbury Vale District Council  
Babergh District Council  
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council  
Bath & North East Somerset District Council  
Bedford Borough Council  
Blackpool Borough Council  
Bolsover District Council  
Bracknell Forest Borough Council  
Bradford City Council  
Braintree District Council  
Breckland District Council  
Brent London Borough Council  
Brentwood Borough Council  
Brighton & Hove City Council  
Bromley London Borough Council  
Broxbourne Borough Council  
Buckinghamshire County Council  
Burnley Borough Council  
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council  
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council  
Carlisle City Council  
Carrick District Council  
Chelmsford Borough Council  
Cheltenham Borough Council  
Cherwell District Council  
Chesterfield Borough Council  
Cotswold District Council  
Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council  
Croydon London Borough Council  
Dacorum Borough Council  
Darlington Borough Council  
Dartford Borough Council  
Derwentside District Council  
Devon County Council  
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council  
East Cambridgeshire District Council  
East Devon District Council  
East Dorset District Council  
East Hampshire District Council  
East Hertfordshire District Council

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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  
Harborough District Council  
Hastings Borough Council  
Havant Borough Council  
Herefordshire District Council  
Hounslow London Borough Council  
Ipswich Borough Council  
Islington London Borough Council  
Kennet District Council  
Kettering Borough Council  
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council  
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council  
Leeds City Council  
Leicester City Council  
Lewes District Council  
Lewisham London Borough Council  
Lichfield District Council  
Liverpool City Metropolitan District Council  
Luton Borough Council  
Macclesfield Borough Council  
Maldon District 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 Yorkshire County Council  
Northumberland County Council  
Oswestry Borough Council  
Pendle Borough Council  
Penwith District Council  
Poole Borough Council  
Portsmouth City Council  
Preston Borough Council  
Reading Borough Council  
Redcar & Cleveland 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  
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council  
Sevenoaks District Council  
Slough Borough Council  
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council  
Somerset County Council  
South Bedfordshire District Council  
South Gloucestershire District Council  
South Norfolk District Council  
South Oxfordshire District Council  
South Ribble Borough Council  
South Shropshire District Council  
Southampton City Council  
Southwark London Borough Council  
St. Edmundsbury Borough Council  
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council  
Stevenage Borough Council  
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council  
Stoke-on-Trent City Council  
Stroud District Council  
Surrey County Council

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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  
Tynedale District Council  
Vale Royal Borough Council  
Warrington Borough Council  
Waverley Borough Council  
Wealden District Council  
West Berkshire District Council  
West Devon Borough Council  
West Lancashire District Council  
West Oxfordshire District Council  
Wiltshire County Council  
Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough Council  
Woking Borough Council  
Wokingham District Council  
Wychavon District Council  
Wycombe 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  
Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council  
Basildon District Council  
Bassetlaw District Council  
Blaby District Council  
Boston Borough Council  
Bournemouth Borough Council  
Bridgnorth District Council



Bristol City Council  
Broadland District Council  
Broxtowe Borough Council  
Cannock Chase District Council  
Caradon District Council  
Charnwood Borough Council  
Chorley Borough Council  
Christchurch Borough Council  
Copeland Borough Council  
Coventry City Council  
Craven District Council  
Crawley Borough Council  
Daventry District Council  
Dover District Council  
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council  
Durham City Council  
East Northamptonshire District Council  
East Staffordshire Borough Council  
Eden District Council  
Enfield London Borough Council  
Fenland District Council  
Forest Heath District Council  
Gloucester City Council  
Gravesham Borough Council  
Haringey London Borough Council  
Harrogate Borough Council  
Harrow London Borough Council  
Hart District Council  
Havering London Borough Council  
Hertsmere Borough Council  
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council  
Hyndburn Borough Council  
Isle of Wight County Council  
Kerrier District Council  
Lancaster City Council  
Lincoln City Council  
Lincolnshire County Council  
Malvern Hills District Council  
Melton Borough Council  
Merton London Borough Council

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Mid Bedfordshire District Council  
Mid Suffolk District 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  
North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council  
North Warwickshire Borough Council  
North Wiltshire District Council  
Northamptonshire County Council  
Norwich City Council  
Nottingham City Council  
Oadby & Wigston Borough Council  
Oxfordshire County Council  
Peterborough City Council  
Purbeck District Council  
Redbridge London Borough Council  
Redditch Borough Council  
Restormel Borough Council  
Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Richmondshire District Council  
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council  
Rother District Council  
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council  
Rugby Borough Council  
Rutland District Council  
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council  
Sedgemoor District Council  
South Buckinghamshire District Council  
South Cambridgeshire District Council  
South Derbyshire District Council  
South Holland District Council  
South Kesteven District Council  
South Northamptonshire District Council  
South Somerset District Council  
South Staffordshire District Council  
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

St. Albans City Council  
Stafford Borough Council  
Staffordshire County Council  
Suffolk Coastal District Council  
Surrey Heath Borough Council  
Swale Borough Council  
Tamworth Borough Council  
Tewkesbury Borough Council  
Thurrock Borough Council  
Torbay District Council  
Trafford Metropolitan 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 Dorset District Council  
West Lindsey District Council  
West Wiltshire District Council  
Winchester City Council  
Wirral Metropolitan District Council  
Wolverhampton City Council  
Worcester City Council  
Worthing Borough Council  
Wyre Forest District Council

#### SCHEDULE 4

Article 6

#### Weak Authorities

Bedfordshire County Council  
Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council  
Birmingham City Council  
Castle Morpeth Borough Council  
Congleton Borough Council  
Corby Borough Council  
Cumbria County Council  
East Lindsey District Council  
Erewash Borough Council

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Forest of Dean District Council  
Fylde Borough Council  
Hackney London Borough Council  
Hillingdon London Borough Council  
Isles of Scilly Council  
Lambeth London Borough Council  
Mansfield District Council  
Mendip District Council  
Mid Devon District Council  
North Devon District Council  
North Dorset District Council  
North East Derbyshire District Council  
North East Lincolnshire District Council  
North West Leicestershire District Council  
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council  
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council  
Oxford City Council  
Plymouth City Council  
Rochford District Council  
Salford City Council  
Selby District Council  
Shepway District Council  
South Lakeland District Council  
Stratford on Avon District Council  
Swindon Borough Council  
Thanet District Council  
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council  
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council  
Waltham Forest London Borough Council  
Watford Borough Council  
Waveney District Council  
West Somerset District Council  
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council  
Wyre Borough Council

SCHEDULE 5

Article 7

Poor Authorities

Bromsgrove District Council

Castle Point Borough Council  
Chester-le-Street District Council  
Harlow District Council  
Kingston upon Hull City Council  
North Shropshire District Council  
Northampton Borough Council  
Rossendale Borough Council  
Teesdale District Council  
Torridge District Council

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#### **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 7th March 2005. A copy of the report may be obtained free of charge from Susie Turner at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU; telephone: 020 7944 4357 or email [Susie.Turner@odpm.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Susie.Turner@odpm.gsi.gov.uk).

Article 8 of this order revokes the Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) (No.2) Order 2004.

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