EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 1F of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 ("the Act") provides that the Secretary of State may make an order permitting a local authority to enter into arrangements whereby another person is able to exercise the local authority's powers relating to anti-social behaviour orders under sections 1 to 1E of the Act.

Article 2 allows a local authority to enter into such arrangements with a person ("housing manager") with whom it has already entered into an agreement under section 27 of the Housing Act 1985 to manage houses, or land held for related purposes, for that local authority.

Article 3 makes provision for conditions to which arrangements must or may be subject.

Article 4 applies the provisions of section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972, which allows authorised employees of a local authority to prosecute or defend proceedings in a magistrates' court, to the housing manager and its employees.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this Order will have on the costs of business is available from Mr Yemi Atiku at the Department of Communities and Local Government 1st Floor Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU (telephone 0207 944 5143, email yemi.atiku@communities.gsi.gov.uk).