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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 444**

**The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums)  
(Council Tax Increases) (England) Regulations 2012**

**Publicity and other information to be provided in connection with referendums by billing authorities**

4.—(1) This regulation applies where a billing authority has determined that its relevant basic amount of council tax for a financial year (the relevant financial year) is excessive under section 52ZB(1).

(2) Where this regulation applies, the authority must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, and not fewer than 28 days before the date on which the referendum will be held in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) below, publish in such a manner as it considers likely to bring to the attention of persons who live in the authority's area, a notice which contains a statement—

- (a) that a referendum is required to be held on the authority's council tax increase for the relevant financial year in accordance with Chapter 4ZA of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (b) of the date on which the referendum will be held;
- (c) of the question to be asked in the referendum;
- (d) that the referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections;
- (e) of the referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the referendum and the number of local government electors by reference to which that limit has been calculated;
- (f) of the authority's relevant basic amount of council tax for the relevant financial year;
- (g) of the authority's relevant basic amount of council tax for the financial year preceding the relevant financial year;
- (h) of the percentage change in the authority's relevant basic amount of council tax from the preceding year to the relevant financial year expressed to one decimal place;
- (i) of what the amount calculated by the authority as its relevant basic amount of council tax for the relevant financial year would be if the authority's relevant basic amount of council tax is not approved;
- (j) of what the percentage change in the authority's relevant basic amount of council tax from the preceding year to the relevant financial year expressed to one decimal place would be if the authority's relevant basic amount of council tax is not approved;
- (k) that, not fewer than 28 days before the date on which the referendum will be held, the authority will publish a statement containing the matters referred to in regulation 7(1);
- (l) of the procedures for obtaining a copy of the statement referred to in sub-paragraph (k).

<sup>F1</sup>(3) .....

<sup>F1</sup>(4) .....

(5) The notice published under paragraph (2) may also include—

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- (a) any other factual information relating to the authority's council tax or the referendum so far as it is presented fairly, or
- (b) details of the procedures for obtaining such other factual information.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** [Reg. 4\(3\)\(4\)](#) omitted (10.3.2014) by virtue of [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Council Tax Increases\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/231\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(a)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3 rule 17(5A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(2)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 14(5) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(4)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(5)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(6)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(6A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(6)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(2A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(5) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(e)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(1A)-(1M) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 27(1A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(9)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 28(2A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(10)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 29(7) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(11)
- Sch. 3 rule 30A inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(12)
- Sch. 3 rule 34(1)(da) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(13)
- Sch. 3 rule 42(2)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(14)
- Sch. 3 rule 43(1)(da) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(15)
- Sch. 3 rule 44(1A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(16)
- Sch. 3 rule 21(1)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(2)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 36(3)(e) and word inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(2)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 modified (temp.) by S.I. 2023/1147 Sch. 2 para. 15(2)(3)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(9) omitted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(2)(a)(iii)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(1)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(3)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(d)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(5)(b) substituted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(2)(a)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 2(1) substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(3)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(3)-(3B) substituted for Sch. 3 rule 24(3) by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(c)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(5)(a) word omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(6)(a)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 36(3)(c) word omitted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(2)(b)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 Table words inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(4) words inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(d)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(1)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(3)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(2) words omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(c)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 table words omitted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(3)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 28(3) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(2)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 15(3) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(5)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(1) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(a)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 27(1) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(9)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 28(2) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(10)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 table words substituted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(3)(b)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(2) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(3)(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 17(6A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(3)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 5 rule 2(1)(za) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(3)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 2(1)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(3)(c)
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- Sch. 5 rule 31(7) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(11)
- Sch. 5 rule 32A inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(12)
- Sch. 5 rule 36(1)(da) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(13)
- Sch. 5 rule 44(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(14)
- Sch. 5 rule 45(1)(da) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(15)
- Sch. 5 rule 46(1A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(16)
- Sch. 5 rule 23(1)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(4)(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 38(7)(e) and word inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(4)(c)(ii)
- Sch. 5 rule 26 modified (temp.) by S.I. 2023/1147 Sch. 2 para. 15(2)(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 17(11) omitted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(3)(a)(iii)
- Sch. 5 rule 28(1)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(8)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 5 rule 28(3)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(8)(d)
- Sch. 5 rule 17(6)(b) substituted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(3)(a)(i)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(3)-(3B) substituted for Sch. 5 rule 26(3) by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(7)(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 2(1)(a) word omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(3)(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 38(7)(c) word omitted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(4)(c)(i)
- Sch. 5 rule 26 Table words inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(7)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(4) words inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(7)(d)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(1)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(7)(a)
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- Sch. 5 rule 26 table words omitted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(7)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 5 rule 12(4)(b) words revoked by S.I. 2018/1310 Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (This S.I. is amended by S.I. 2019/1389, reg. 2)
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