

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**  
**THE YOUNG PEOPLE’S LEARNING AGENCY ABOLITION (CONSEQUENTIAL**  
**AMENDMENTS TO SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2012**

**2012 No. 956**

**1.** This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Education and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**2. Purpose of the instrument**

2.1 It makes amendments to secondary legislation consequential on the abolition of the Young People’s Learning Agency for England (“YPLA”) by section 66 of the Education Act 2011.

**3. Matters of special interest to the [Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments or the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments]**

3.1 None

**4. Legislative Context**

4.1 Consequential amendments to secondary legislation are needed to reflect the abolition of the YPLA by the Education Act 2011.

**5. Territorial Extent and Application**

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

**6. European Convention on Human Rights**

6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

**7. Policy background**

- What is being done and why

7.1 On 14 October 2010, the Minister for the Cabinet Office, announced the outcomes of a cross government review of all public bodies. Of 900 bodies, more than half will be reformed to some degree. A fifth will cease to be public bodies, 13 per cent will be merged and a further 20 per cent will be subject to substantial reform. This will mean an estimated £2.6 billion in administrative savings and a further £30 billion in cumulative programme and capital spending reductions over the spending review period.

7.2 The provisions in the Education Act 2011 will result in the Young People’s Learning Agency (YPLA) closing on the 31 March 2012. Staff from the YPLA will

transfer to the Department and, along with a small number of Department for Education staff, will form the new Education Funding Agency (EFA), an Executive Agency of the Department from 1 April 2012. The EFA will administer funding for the education system of 3-19 year olds and it will manage the school and sixth form college estate. It will be responsible for the allocation and distribution of approx. £50 billion revenue and capital funding each year, as well as the delivery of capital investment in schools.

7.3 Consequential changes to secondary legislation are necessary to delete reference to the YPLA and, where appropriate, replace it with a reference to the Secretary of State. There is no impact on the general public.

- Consolidation

7.4 There are no intentions to consolidate legislation.

## **8. Consultation outcome**

8.1 No separate consultation is necessary as the parliamentary scrutiny undertaken as part of the Parliamentary process was sufficient and no further consultation is necessary.

## **9. Guidance**

9.1 No separate guidance or publicity is necessary as the parliamentary scrutiny undertaken as part of the Parliamentary process was sufficient and no further guidance is necessary.

## **10. Impact**

10.1 No impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.

10.2 No impact on the public sector is foreseen.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

## **11. Regulating small business**

11.1 The legislation does not apply to small business.

## **12. Monitoring & review**

12.1 As this instrument is simply making consequential amendments arising out of law already made, there is no substantive policy to monitor and review

## **13. Contact**

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