
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 957

The Buckinghamshire (Structural Changes) Order 2019

PART 5

**GENERAL TRANSITIONAL DUTIES OF COUNTY AND
DISTRICT COUNCILS AND SHADOW AUTHORITY**

General transitional duties

20.—(1) The county council and each of the district councils must—

- (a) take, whether alone or together, such steps as may be necessary to prepare for the transfer to Buckinghamshire Council of their respective functions, property, rights and liabilities;
- (b) consult and co-operate with one another and with the shadow authority in order to secure the economic, effective, efficient and timely transfer of the county council's and district councils' functions, property, rights and liabilities; and
- (c) generally exercise their functions so as to further the purposes of this Order.

(2) The county council and each of the district councils must co-operate in the formation of the Implementation Team, and release the officers concerned from their normal duties at such times or for such periods as the shadow authority may reasonably require.

(3) A relevant authority must provide such information relating to its functions as any other relevant authority may reasonably request for the purpose of giving effect to this Order.

(4) A relevant authority must, on request by a person authorised by another relevant authority in that behalf, at all reasonable times allow that person—

- (a) to inspect any record belonging to or under the control of the authority providing the information and relating to the authority or its functions; and
- (b) to take, or be supplied with, a copy of any such record or part of it.

(5) A relevant authority to whom a request is made under paragraph (4) may, before complying with the request, require the person making the request to produce evidence of the authorisation given by the other relevant authority.

(6) The rights conferred by paragraph (4) include the right to require any record which is not in legible form to be made available in legible form so that the authorised person may inspect or copy it or be supplied with copies.

(7) The information referred to in paragraph (3) shall, in particular, include any information necessary for the exercise during the shadow period of any of the functions of the shadow authority.

(8) In this article “relevant authority” means—

- (a) the county council;
- (b) each of the district councils;
- (c) the shadow authority.