
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 16(1) of the Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (“the Act”) provides that where it appears to the Welsh Development Agency (“the Agency”) that steps should be taken for the purpose of reclaiming or improving any land to which section 16(1) applies, or enabling any such land to be brought into use, the Agency may, with the consent of the National Assembly for Wales, exercise as respects that land the powers specified in section 16(3) of the Act.

Section 16(2) of the Act describes the land to which section 16(1) applies and includes land which is derelict, neglected or unsightly.

Under section 16(3)(a) of the Act, the Agency has power to pay to any person grants of such amounts and payable at such times and subject to such conditions as the Agency may from time to time determine in respect of relevant expenditure incurred by that person. The term 'relevant expenditure' is defined in section 16(4) of the Act. It includes expenditure incurred, with the approval of the Agency, in or in connection with the carrying out of works on derelict land for the purposes of reclaiming or improving that land or enabling it to be brought into use.

Section 16(6) of the Act provides that the amount of grant which may be paid under section 16(3)(a) to a person, other than a county or county borough council in whose area the land to which section 16(1) applies is situated, must not exceed a certain limit. That limit is either the prescribed percentage of the relevant expenditure (section 16(6)(a)) or, in the case of a periodical grant in respect of costs from time to time incurred (or treated as incurred in respect of the borrowing of money to defray the relevant expenditure), the prescribed percentage of the costs incurred (or treated as incurred) (section 16(6)(b)).

Section 16(6) of the Act defines the term ‘the prescribed percentage’ as 80 per cent, or such other percentage as may be prescribed by order.

This Order prescribes the percentage as 100 per cent.