PLANNING ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 11: Community Infrastructure Levy

Section 224: Community Infrastructure Levy: amendments

- 373. Section 224 makes amendments to a number of Acts (which are to be brought into force by an order under section 241(8)). In broad terms the amendments are concerned with the delegation of functions under Part 11 of the Act. In particular, subsection (1) amends section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 by inserting a new subsection which specifies that Community Infrastructure Levy is not a rate for the purposes of subsection (6) of section 101. Subsection (6) prevents the application of section 101 (which permits, for example, local authorities to delegate their functions to their officers, committee and sub-committees) with respect to functions relating to levying a rate.
- 374. Subsection (2) amends section 9 of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988. Section 9(8) of the 1988 Act provides, in broad terms, that the Broads Authority may delegate its functions relating to its navigation area only to its Navigation Committee. The effect of the amendment is that this restriction does not apply to functions of the Broads Authority under Part 11.
- 375. Subsection (3) amends section 71(3) of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994. Section 71(1)(c) of the 1994 Act prevents orders under section 70 of that Act from being made which would permit a local authority from contracting out "a power or right of entry, search or seizure into or of any property". Subsection (3) amends section 71(3) of the 1994 Act so that this restriction does not apply in relation to collection and enforcement powers under Part 11 (much like the existing provision in section 71(3) of the 1994 Act relating to, for example, the business improvement district levy and council tax).
- 376. Finally, subsection (4) amends section 38 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. Section 38 permits the Mayor of London to delegate his functions to certain persons who include Transport for London, the London Development Agency, the Common Council of the City of London and a local authority. Subsection (4) prevents the Mayor from delegating his functions under Part 11 to these persons (though he would be able to delegate these functions to the Deputy Mayor or any member of staff of the Greater London Authority, the remaining persons in section 38(4)).