



Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

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PART 2

LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND DEVOLUTION

CHAPTER 1

COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITIES

CCAs and their areas

9 Combined county authorities and their areas

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations establish as a body corporate a combined county authority (a “CCA”) for an area that meets the following conditions.
- (2) Condition A is that the area is wholly within England and consists of—
 - (a) the whole of the area of a two-tier county council, and
 - (b) the whole of one or more of—
 - (i) the area of a two-tier county council,
 - (ii) the area of a unitary county council, or
 - (iii) the area of a unitary district council.
- (3) Condition B is that no part of the area forms part of—
 - (a) the area of another CCA,
 - (b) the area of a combined authority, or
 - (c) the integrated transport area of an Integrated Transport Authority.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) must specify the name by which the CCA is to be known.
- (5) In this Chapter—

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“combined authority” means a combined authority established under section 103(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;

“economic prosperity board” means an economic prosperity board established under section 88(1) of that Act;

“Integrated Transport Authority” means an Integrated Transport Authority for an integrated transport area;

“two-tier county council” means a county council whose area includes the areas of district councils;

“unitary county council” means a county council whose area does not include the areas of district councils;

“unitary district council” means a district council whose area does not form part of the area of a county council.

Commencement Information

II [S. 9](#) in force at 26.12.2023, see [s. 255\(2\)\(c\)](#)

Constitution of CCAs

10 Constitutional arrangements

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the constitutional arrangements of a CCA.
- (2) “Constitutional arrangements” in relation to a CCA means—
 - (a) the membership of the CCA (including the number and appointment of members of the CCA and the remuneration of, and pensions or allowances payable to or in respect of, any member of the CCA);
 - (b) the voting powers of members of the CCA (including provision for different weight to be given to the vote of different descriptions of member);
 - (c) the executive arrangements of the CCA;
 - (d) the functions of any executive body of the CCA.
- (3) In subsection (2)(c) “executive arrangements” means—
 - (a) the appointment of an executive;
 - (b) the functions of the CCA which are the responsibility of an executive;
 - (c) the functions of the CCA which are the responsibility of an executive and which may be discharged by a committee of the CCA or by a body other than the CCA;
 - (d) arrangements relating to the review and scrutiny of the discharge of functions;
 - (e) access to information on the proceedings of an executive of the CCA;
 - (f) the disapplication of section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (duty to allocate seats to political groups) in relation to an executive of the CCA or a committee of such an executive;
 - (g) the keeping of a record of any arrangements relating to the CCA and falling within paragraphs (a) to (f).

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- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) which, by virtue of subsection (2)(a), include provision about the number and appointment of members of the CCA must provide—
- (a) for the members of the CCA other than—
 - (i) the mayor (in the case of a mayoral CCA),
 - (ii) the CCA’s non-constituent members (see section 11), and
 - (iii) the CCA’s associate members (see section 12),to be appointed by the CCA’s constituent councils, and
 - (b) for each of the constituent councils to appoint at least one of its elected members as a member of the CCA.
- (5) The provision which may be made by regulations under subsection (1) by virtue of subsection (2)(d) includes—
- (a) provision setting up or dissolving an executive body of a CCA, or merging two or more executive bodies of a CCA;
 - (b) provision conferring functions on, or removing functions from, an executive body of a CCA;
 - (c) provision transferring functions of a CCA to an executive body of the CCA, and transferring functions of an executive body of a CCA to the CCA.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (1) may not provide for the budget of a CCA to be agreed otherwise than by the CCA.
- (7) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) is subject to—
- (a) sections 11 and 12 and regulations under section 13(1) (non-constituent and associate members), and
 - (b) sections 14(4) and 25(9) and (12) (procedure for CCA consents).
- (8) Regulations under subsection (1) may be made in relation to a CCA only with the consent of—
- (a) the constituent councils, and
 - (b) in the case of regulations in relation to an existing CCA, the CCA.
- (9) If the only provision made under subsection (1) in regulations under this Chapter is provision as a result of regulations under section 25(1) (changes to boundaries of a CCA’s area)—
- (a) subsection (8) does not apply to the regulations under this Chapter, and
 - (b) subsections (6) to (13) of section 25 apply in relation to the regulations as if they contained the provision made by the regulations under subsection (1) of that section.
- (10) If the only provision made under subsection (1) in regulations under this Chapter is provision as a result of regulations to which section 31 applies (procedure for direct conferral of general functions on mayor)—
- (a) subsection (8) does not apply to the regulations under this Chapter, and
 - (b) the regulations may be made only with the consent of the mayor for the CCA.
- (11) In this Chapter “constituent council”, in relation to a CCA or proposed CCA, means—
- (a) a county council for an area within the CCA’s area or proposed area, or
 - (b) a unitary district council for an area within the CCA’s area or proposed area.

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I2 S. 10 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

11 Non-constituent members of a CCA

- (1) A CCA may designate a body other than a constituent council as a nominating body for the purposes of this Chapter.
- (2) A nominating body may be designated under subsection (1) only if the body consents to the designation.
- (3) A nominating body of a CCA may nominate a representative of the body for appointment by the CCA as a member (a “non-constituent member”).
- (4) The non-constituent members of a CCA are to be non-voting members of that authority unless the voting members resolve otherwise.
- (5) A resolution under subsection (4) does not permit non-constituent members to vote on a decision whether the CCA should consent to the making of regulations under this Chapter.

Commencement Information

I3 S. 11 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

12 Associate members of a CCA

- (1) A CCA may appoint an individual to be a member (“an associate member”) of the CCA.
- (2) The associate members of a CCA are to be non-voting members of the CCA.

Commencement Information

I4 S. 12 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

13 Regulations about members

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about—
 - (a) constituent members of a CCA;
 - (b) the mayor for the area of a CCA in the mayor’s capacity as a member of the CCA;
 - (c) nominating bodies of a CCA;
 - (d) non-constituent members of a CCA;
 - (e) associate members of a CCA.
- (2) The provision that may be made by regulations under subsection (1) includes, in particular, provision about—

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- (a) the cases in which a decision of a CCA requires a majority, or a particular kind of majority, of the votes of members of a particular kind;
 - (b) the process for the designation of a nominating body or the removal of such a designation;
 - (c) the number of nominating bodies that may be designated by a CCA;
 - (d) the number of non-constituent members that may be appointed by a nominating body of a CCA;
 - (e) the appointment, disqualification, resignation or removal of a non-constituent member;
 - (f) the appointment of a substitute member to act in place of a non-constituent member;
 - (g) the maximum number of non-constituent members of a CCA;
 - (h) the making by a nominating body of a CCA of payments towards the costs of the CCA;
 - (i) the things which may or may not be done by, or in relation to, a non-constituent member;
 - (j) the appointment, disqualification, resignation or removal of an associate member;
 - (k) the appointment of a substitute member to act in place of an associate member;
 - (l) the maximum number of associate members of a CCA;
 - (m) the things which may or may not be done by, or in relation to, an associate member.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may confer a discretion on a CCA to determine any matter.
- (4) In this section “constituent member”, in relation to a CCA, means a member of the CCA (other than any mayor for the area of the CCA) appointed by a constituent council.

Commencement Information

I5 S. 13 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

14 Review of CCA’s constitutional arrangements

- (1) This section applies if regulations under section 10(1) (constitution of CCA) enable a CCA to make provision about its constitution (“constitutional provision”).
- (2) An appropriate person may carry out a review of the CCA’s constitutional provision if—
 - (a) an appropriate person proposes a review, and
 - (b) the CCA consents to the review.
- (3) If an appropriate person carries out a review under subsection (2), they may propose changes to the CCA’s constitutional provision as a result of the review for agreement by the CCA.
- (4) The question of whether to consent under subsection (2)(b) or to agree to changes proposed under subsection (3) is to be decided at a meeting of the CCA by a simple majority of the voting members of the CCA who are present at the meeting.

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- (5) In the case of a mayoral CCA—
- (a) a majority in favour of consenting under subsection (2)(b) does not need to include the mayor, but
 - (b) a majority in favour of changes proposed under subsection (3) must include the mayor.
- (6) The reference in subsection (4) to a voting member—
- (a) includes a substitute member who may act in place of a voting member;
 - (b) does not include a non-constituent member.
- (7) In this section “appropriate person”, in relation to a CCA, means—
- (a) a member of the CCA appointed by a constituent council, or
 - (b) the mayor for the area of the CCA, if it is a mayoral CCA (see section 27(8)).

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I6 S. 14 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

15 Overview and scrutiny committees

- (1) Schedule 1 makes provision for CCAs to have overview and scrutiny committees and audit committees.
- (2) Provision made by regulations under section 10(1) is subject to that Schedule.

Commencement Information

I7 S. 15 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

16 Funding

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision—
- (a) for the costs of a CCA to be met by its constituent councils, and
 - (b) about the basis on which the amount payable by each constituent council is to be determined.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may be made in relation to a CCA only with the consent of—
- (a) the constituent councils, and
 - (b) in the case of regulations in relation to an existing CCA, the CCA.
- (3) Subsection (1) is subject to regulations under section 13(1) (CCA membership).

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17 Change of name

- (1) A CCA may, by a resolution in relation to which the requirements mentioned in subsection (2) are met, change the name by which it is known.
- (2) The requirements are—
 - (a) that the resolution is considered at a meeting of the CCA which is specially convened for the purpose,
 - (b) that particulars of the resolution were included in the notice of the meeting, and
 - (c) that the resolution is passed at the meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members of the CCA who vote on it.
- (3) A CCA which changes its name under this section must—
 - (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) publish the notice in such manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (4) A change of name under this section does not affect the rights or obligations of the CCA concerned or any other person, or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of name.

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19 S. 17 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

Functions of CCAs

18 Local authority functions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for a function of a county council or a district council that is exercisable in relation to an area which is within a CCA's area to be exercisable by the CCA in relation to the CCA's area.
- (2) The Secretary of State may make regulations under subsection (1) only if the Secretary of State considers that the function can appropriately be exercised by the CCA.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision for the function to be exercisable by the CCA either generally or subject to such conditions or limitations as may be specified in the regulations.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) which provide for a function of a county council or a unitary district council to be exercisable by a CCA may make provision for the function to be exercisable by the CCA instead of by the county council or unitary district council.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (1) which provide for a function of a county council or a district council to be exercisable by a CCA may make provision—
 - (a) for the function to be exercisable by the CCA concurrently with the county council or district council,
 - (b) for the function to be exercisable by the CCA and the county council or district council jointly, or

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- (c) for the function to be exercisable by the CCA jointly with the county council or district council but also continue to be exercisable by the council alone.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (1) may be made in relation to a CCA only with the consent of—
 - (a) the constituent councils, and
 - (b) in the case of regulations in relation to an existing CCA, the CCA.

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I10 S. 18 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

19 Other public authority functions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
 - (a) make provision for a function of a public authority that is exercisable in relation to a CCA’s area to be a function of the CCA;
 - (b) make provision for conferring on a CCA in relation to its area a function corresponding to a function that a public authority has in relation to another area.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may include further provision about the exercise of the function including—
 - (a) provision for the function to be exercisable by the public authority or CCA subject to conditions or limitations specified in the regulations;
 - (b) provision as to joint working arrangements between the CCA and public authority in connection with the function (for example, provision for the function to be exercised by a joint committee).
- (3) The provision that may be included in regulations under subsection (1)(a) includes, in particular, provision—
 - (a) for the CCA to have the function instead of the public authority,
 - (b) for the function to be exercisable by the CCA concurrently with the public authority,
 - (c) for the function to be exercisable by the CCA and the public authority jointly, or
 - (d) for the function to be exercisable by the CCA jointly with the public authority but also continue to be exercisable by the public authority alone.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1)(a) may, in particular, include provision to abolish the public authority in a case where, as a result of the regulations, it will no longer have any functions.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (1) may not provide for a regulatory function that is exercisable by a public authority in relation to the whole of England to be exercisable by a CCA in relation to its area if the regulated function is itself exercisable by the CCA by virtue of regulations under this section.
- (6) Subsection (7) applies where regulations under subsection (1) contain a reference to a document specified or described in the regulations (for example, in imposing a condition by virtue of subsection (2)(a) for an authority to have regard to, or to comply with, a statement of policy or standards set out in the document).

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- (7) If it appears to the Secretary of State necessary or expedient for the reference to the document to be construed—
- (a) as a reference to that document as amended from time to time, or
 - (b) as including a reference to a subsequent document that replaces that document, the regulations may make express provision to that effect.
- (8) See also section 18 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (devolving health service functions) which contains further limitations.
- (9) In this section—
- “function” (except in subsection (4)) does not include a power to make regulations or other instruments of a legislative character;
 - “Minister of the Crown” has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975;
 - “public authority”—
 - (a) includes a Minister of the Crown or a government department;
 - (b) does not include a county council or a district council;
 - “regulated function” means the function of carrying out an activity to which a regulatory function relates;
 - “regulatory function” has the meaning given by section 32 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006.

Commencement Information

III S. 19 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

20 Section 19 regulations: procedure

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations under section 19(1) only if—
- (a) a proposal for the making of the regulations in relation to the CCA has been made to the Secretary of State—
 - (i) as part of a proposal under section 45, or
 - (ii) in accordance with section 47, or
 - (b) the appropriate consent is given and the Secretary of State considers that the making of the regulations is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area or areas to which the regulations relate.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b), the appropriate consent is given to the making of regulations under section 19(1) only if—
- (a) in the case of regulations relating to an existing CCA, each appropriate authority consents;
 - (b) in any other case, each constituent council consents.
- (3) The requirements in subsection (1) do not apply where the regulations are made under sections 19(1) and 30(1) in relation to an existing mayoral CCA and provide for a function—
- (a) to be a function of the CCA, and
 - (b) to be a function exercisable only by the mayor.

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See section 31 in relation to regulations of this kind.

- (4) The requirement in subsection (1)(b) for the appropriate consent to be given to the making of regulations under section 19(1) does not apply where—
- (a) the regulations revoke (in whole or in part), or otherwise amend, previous regulations under section 19(1), and
 - (b) the only purpose of the regulations is to provide for a health service function of a CCA to cease to be exercisable by the CCA.
- (5) In subsection (4)(b) “health service function of a CCA” means a function which—
- (a) relates to the health service, as defined by section 275(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006, and
 - (b) is exercisable by the CCA by virtue of regulations under section 19(1).
- (6) At the same time as laying a draft of a statutory instrument containing regulations under section 19(1) before Parliament, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report explaining the effect of the regulations and why the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to make the regulations.
- (7) The report must include—
- (a) a description of any consultation taken into account by the Secretary of State,
 - (b) information about any representations considered by the Secretary of State in connection with the regulations, and
 - (c) any other evidence or contextual information that the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to include.
- (8) For the purposes of this section “the appropriate authorities” are—
- (a) each constituent council, and
 - (b) in the case of regulations in relation to an existing CCA, the CCA.

Commencement Information

I12 S. 20 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

21 Integrated Transport Authority and Passenger Transport Executive

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations transfer functions of an Integrated Transport Authority (an “ITA”) to a CCA.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may only be made in relation to functions exercisable by the ITA in relation to an area that becomes, or becomes part of, the CCA’s area by virtue of regulations under this Chapter.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for any function that is conferred or imposed on a Passenger Transport Executive by any enactment (whenever passed or made) to be exercisable by a CCA or the executive body of a CCA in relation to the CCA’s area.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) may make provision for any function that—
 - (a) is conferred or imposed on an ITA by any enactment (whenever passed or made), and
 - (b) relates to the functions of a Passenger Transport Executive,

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to be exercisable by a CCA in relation to the CCA's area.

- (5) Regulations under this section may be made in relation to a CCA only with the consent of—
- (a) the constituent councils, and
 - (b) in the case of regulations in relation to an existing CCA, the CCA.

Commencement Information

I13 S. 21 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

22 Directions relating to highways and traffic functions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations confer on a CCA a power to give a direction about the exercise of an eligible power.
- (2) An “eligible power” means a power of a county council or a unitary district council which the council has—
- (a) as highway authority by virtue of section 1 of the Highways Act 1980, or
 - (b) as traffic authority by virtue of section 121A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- (3) In this section references to a power do not include a reference to a duty.
- (4) A power of direction under this section must relate only to the exercise of an eligible power in—
- (a) the area of the CCA, and
 - (b) the area of the authority subject to the direction.
- (5) A power of direction under this section must relate only to the exercise of an eligible power in respect of—
- (a) a particular road (whether or not specified in the regulations), or
 - (b) a description of road (whether or not specified in the regulations).
- (6) In subsection (5) “road”—
- (a) has the meaning given by section 142(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and
 - (b) does not include any road which is the subject of a concession agreement under Part 1 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991.
- (7) A power of direction under this section must relate only to any one or more of—
- (a) the provision of information about the exercise of an eligible power which the authority subject to the direction has or might reasonably be expected to acquire;
 - (b) the imposition on such an authority of requirements relating to procedures to be followed prior to the exercise of an eligible power;
 - (c) the imposition on such an authority of requirements relating to the obtaining of consent prior to the exercise of an eligible power;
 - (d) the imposition on such an authority of conditions subject to which an eligible power may be exercised (including conditions relating to the times at which, and the manner in which, an eligible power may be exercised);

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- (e) a requirement to exercise an eligible power (including a requirement to exercise an eligible power subject to conditions);
 - (f) a prohibition on the exercise of an eligible power.
- (8) A power of direction under this section may be conferred subject to conditions.
- (9) Any direction given by virtue of this section—
- (a) must be given in writing and may be varied or revoked by a further direction in writing, and
 - (b) may make different provision for different cases and different provision for different areas.
- (10) If regulations under subsection (1) make provision for a direction by virtue of subsection (7)(e), the regulations must make provision for the direction not to have effect unless the CCA meets the cost of complying with the direction.
- (11) Except as provided for by section 24(7), regulations under subsection (1) may be made in relation to a CCA only with the consent of—
- (a) the constituent councils, and
 - (b) in the case of regulations in relation to an existing CCA, the CCA.

Commencement Information

I14 S. 22 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

23 Contravention of regulations under section 22

- (1) Regulations under section 22(1) may provide that, if an authority exercises any power in contravention of a direction under such regulations, the CCA may take such steps as it considers appropriate to reverse or modify the effect of the exercise of the power.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the CCA has power to exercise any power of the authority subject to the direction on behalf of that authority.
- (3) Any reasonable expenses incurred by the CCA in taking any steps under subsection (1) are recoverable from the authority subject to the direction as a civil debt.

Commencement Information

I15 S. 23 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

24 Designation of key route network roads

- (1) A CCA may designate a highway or proposed highway in its area as a key route network road, or remove its designation as a key route network road, with the consent of—

 - (a) each constituent council in whose area the highway or proposed highway is, and
 - (b) in the case of a mayoral CCA, the mayor.

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- (2) The Secretary of State may designate a highway or proposed highway in the area of a CCA as a key route network road, or remove its designation as a key route network road, if requested to do so by—
 - (a) the CCA,
 - (b) the mayor (if any) of the CCA, or
 - (c) a constituent council.
- (3) A designation or removal under this section must be in writing and must state when it comes into effect.
- (4) The Secretary of State must send a copy of a designation or removal under [subsection \(2\)](#) to the CCA in question at least 7 days before the date on which it comes into effect.
- (5) A CCA must publish each designation or removal under this section of a key route network road within its area before the date on which it comes into effect.
- (6) A CCA that has key route network roads in its area must keep a list or map (or both) accessible to the public showing those roads.
- (7) The requirements in [section 22\(11\)](#) and [section 30\(11\)\(a\)](#) do not apply to provision under [section 22\(1\)](#) and [section 30\(1\)](#) contained in the same instrument so far as that provision—
 - (a) confers a power of direction on an existing mayoral CCA regarding the exercise of an eligible power in respect of key route network roads in the area of that CCA,
 - (b) provides for that power of direction to be exercisable only by the mayor of the CCA, and
 - (c) is made with the consent of the mayor after the mayor has consulted the constituent councils.
- (8) When a mayor consents under [subsection \(7\)\(c\)](#), the mayor must give the Secretary of State—
 - (a) a statement by the mayor that all of the constituent councils agree to the making of the regulations, or
 - (b) if the mayor is unable to make that statement, the reasons why the mayor considers the regulations should be made even though not all of the constituent councils agree to them being made.
- (9) In this section—
 - “eligible power” has the meaning given by [section 22\(2\)](#);
 - “key route network road” means a highway or proposed highway designated for the time being under this section as a key route network road;
 - “proposed highway” means land on which, in accordance with plans made by a highway authority, that authority are for the time being constructing or intending to construct a highway shown in the plans.

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I16 S. 24 in force at 26.12.2023, see [s. 255\(2\)\(c\)](#)

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Changes to CCAs

25 Changes to boundaries of a CCA's area

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations change the boundaries of a CCA's area by—
 - (a) adding a relevant local government area to an existing area of a CCA, or
 - (b) removing a relevant local government area from an existing area of a CCA.
- (2) In this section “relevant local government area” means—
 - (a) the area of a two-tier county council,
 - (b) the area of a unitary county council, or
 - (c) the area of a unitary district council.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1)(b)—
 - (a) may transfer functions relating to the relevant local government area from the CCA to any other public authority;
 - (b) may provide for any function of the CCA relating to the area to be no longer exercisable in relation to that area.
- (4) In subsection (3)(a) “public authority” includes—
 - (a) a Minister of the Crown within the meaning of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975,
 - (b) a government department,
 - (c) a county council, and
 - (d) a district council.
- (5) Regulations may be made under subsection (1) only if the area to be created by the regulations meets conditions A and B in section 9.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (1) adding or removing a relevant local government area to or from an existing area of a mayoral CCA may be made only if—
 - (a) the relevant council in relation to the relevant local government area consents, and
 - (b) the mayor for the area of the CCA consents.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (1) adding or removing a relevant local government area to or from an existing area of a CCA which is not a mayoral CCA may be made only if—
 - (a) the relevant council in relation to the relevant local government area consents, and
 - (b) the CCA consents.
- (8) For the purposes of subsections (6)(a) and (7)(a), the “relevant council” in relation to a relevant local government area is—
 - (a) if the local government area is the area of a county council, the county council;
 - (b) if the local government area is the area of a unitary district council, the unitary district council.
- (9) The question of whether to consent under subsection (7)(b) to regulations under subsection (1) is to be decided at a meeting of the CCA by a simple majority of the voting members of the authority who are present at the meeting.

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- (10) Where regulations under subsection (1)(b) are made as a result of the duty in section 28(3)—
- (a) subsection (5) does not apply, and
 - (b) neither subsection (6) nor subsection (7) applies.
- (11) Subsection (12) applies if a CCA has made provision about its constitution under regulations under section 10(1).
- (12) A decision about any change to that provision as a result of regulations under subsection (1) is to be decided at a meeting of the CCA by a simple majority of the voting members of the CCA who are present at the meeting.
- (13) A reference in this section to a voting member—
- (a) includes a substitute member who may act in place of a voting member;
 - (b) does not include a non-constituent member.

Commencement Information

I17 S. 25 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

26 Dissolution of a CCA's area

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
- (a) dissolve a CCA's area, and
 - (b) abolish the CCA for that area.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1)—
- (a) may transfer functions from the CCA to any other public authority;
 - (b) may provide for any function of the CCA to be no longer exercisable in relation to the CCA's area.
- (3) In subsection (2)(a) “public authority” includes—
- (a) a Minister of the Crown within the meaning of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975,
 - (b) a government department,
 - (c) a county council, and
 - (d) a district council.
- (4) Regulations may be made under subsection (1) only if—
- (a) a majority of the constituent councils consent to the making of the regulations, and
 - (b) in the case of regulations made in relation to a mayoral CCA, the mayor for the area of the CCA also consents to the making of the regulations.

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I18 S. 26 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

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Mayors for CCA areas

27 Power to provide for election of mayor

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for there to be a mayor for the area of a CCA.
- (2) A mayor for the area of a CCA is to be elected by the local government electors for that area in accordance with provision made by or under this Chapter.
- (3) In subsection (2) “local government elector” has the meaning given by section 270(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- (4) Schedule 2 makes further provision about the election of mayors for areas of CCAs.
- (5) A mayor for the area of a CCA is entitled to the style of “mayor”.
- (6) A mayor for the area of a CCA is by virtue of that office a member of, and the chair of, the CCA.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (1) providing for there to be a mayor for the area of a CCA may not be revoked by making further regulations under subsection (1); but this does not prevent the making of regulations under section 26(1) abolishing the CCA (together with the office of mayor).
- (8) In this Chapter “mayoral CCA” means a CCA for an area for which provision is made in regulations under subsection (1) for there to be a mayor.

Commencement Information

119 S. 27 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(a\)](#)

28 Requirements in connection with regulations under section 27

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations under section 27(1) in relation to a CCA’s area if a proposal for there to be a mayor for the CCA’s area has been made to the Secretary of State—
 - (a) as part of a proposal under section 45, or
 - (b) in accordance with section 47.
- (2) Regulations under section 27(1) may also be made without any such proposal having been made if—
 - (a) the appropriate authorities consent, or
 - (b) in the case of an existing CCA, there are one or more non-consenting constituent councils but the CCA and at least two constituent councils consent.
- (3) Where regulations under section 27(1) are made by virtue of subsection (2)(b) of this section, the Secretary of State must make regulations under section 25(1)(b) to remove the area of each non-consenting constituent council from the existing area of the CCA.
- (4) For the purposes of this section “the appropriate authorities” are—
 - (a) the constituent councils, and
 - (b) in the case of regulations in relation to an existing CCA, the CCA.

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Commencement Information

I20 S. 28 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

29 Deputy mayors etc

- (1) The mayor for the area of a CCA must appoint one of the members of the authority to be the mayor's deputy.
- (2) The deputy mayor holds office until the end of the term of office of the mayor, subject to subsection (3).
- (3) A person ceases to be the deputy mayor if at any time—
 - (a) the mayor removes the person from office,
 - (b) the person resigns as deputy mayor, or
 - (c) the person ceases to be a member of the CCA.
- (4) If a vacancy occurs in the office of deputy mayor, the mayor must appoint another member of the CCA to be deputy mayor.
- (5) The deputy mayor must act in place of the mayor if for any reason—
 - (a) the mayor is unable to act, or
 - (b) the office of mayor is vacant.
- (6) If for any reason—
 - (a) the mayor is unable to act or the office of mayor is vacant, and
 - (b) the deputy mayor is unable to act or the office of deputy mayor is vacant,the other members of the CCA must act together in place of the mayor, taking decisions by a simple majority.
- (7) In this Chapter “deputy mayor”, in relation to a mayoral CCA, means the person appointed under this section by the mayor for the authority's area.
- (8) References in this section to a member of a CCA do not include a non-constituent or associate member.

Commencement Information

I21 S. 29 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

30 Functions of mayors: general

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for any function of a mayoral CCA to be a function exercisable only by the mayor.
- (2) In this Chapter references to “general functions”, in relation to a mayor for the area of a CCA, are to any functions exercisable by the mayor other than PCC functions (see section 33(3)).
- (3) The mayor may arrange—
 - (a) for the deputy mayor to exercise any general function of the mayor,
 - (b) for another member or officer of the CCA to exercise any such function,

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- (c) so far as authorised by regulations made by the Secretary of State—
 - (i) for a person appointed as the deputy mayor for policing and crime by virtue of regulations under paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 3, or
 - (ii) for a committee of the CCA, consisting of members appointed by the mayor (whether or not members of the CCA),
 to exercise any such function.
- (4) The reference in subsection (3)(b) to a member of a CCA does not include a non-constituent or associate member.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (3)(c)(ii) may include provision—
 - (a) about the membership of the committee;
 - (b) about the member of the committee who is to be its chair;
 - (c) about the appointment of members;
 - (d) about the voting powers of members (including provision for different weight to be given to the vote of different descriptions of member);
 - (e) about information held by the CCA that must, or must not, be disclosed to the committee for purposes connected to the exercise of the committee's functions;
 - (f) applying (with or without modifications) sections 15 to 17 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (political balance on local authority committees etc).
- (6) Regulations under subsection (3)(c) must provide that the committee must not consist solely of non-constituent or associate members.
- (7) Provision in regulations under subsection (1) for a function to be exercisable only by the mayor is subject to subsection (3); but the Secretary of State may by regulations provide that arrangements under subsection (3)—
 - (a) may authorise the exercise of general functions only of a description specified in the regulations, or
 - (b) may not authorise the exercise of general functions of a description so specified.
- (8) Any general function exercisable by the mayor for the area of a CCA by virtue of this Act is to be taken to be a function of the CCA exercisable—
 - (a) by the mayor individually, or
 - (b) in accordance with arrangements made by virtue of this section or section 32 or 34.
- (9) Regulations under this section may—
 - (a) include provision for general functions to be exercisable by the mayor subject to conditions or limitations specified in the regulations (including, for example, a condition for general functions to be exercisable only with the consent of the appropriate authorities (as defined by section 28(4)));
 - (b) provide for members or officers of a mayoral CCA to assist the mayor in the exercise of general functions;
 - (c) confer ancillary powers on the mayor for the purposes of the exercise of general functions;
 - (d) authorise the mayor to appoint one person as the mayor's political adviser;
 - (e) provide for the terms and conditions of any such appointment;

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- (f) provide that functions that the mayoral CCA discharges in accordance with arrangements under section 101(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (discharge of local authority functions by another authority) are to be treated as general functions exercisable by the mayor (so far as authorised by the arrangements).
- (10) Provision under subsection (9)(c) may include provision conferring power on the mayor that is similar to any power exercisable by the mayoral CCA—
- (a) under section 49 (general power of CCA), or
 - (b) under regulations made under section 52(1) (general power of competence), but the power conferred on the mayor may not include a power to borrow money.
- (11) Except as provided for by section 24(7), regulations under this section may be made only with the consent of—
- (a) the appropriate authorities (as defined by section 28(4)), and
 - (b) in the case of regulations made in relation to an existing mayoral CCA, the mayor of the CCA.
- (12) Where regulations under this section are contained in the same instrument as regulations made by virtue of section 28(2)(b), a non-consenting constituent council is not to be treated as an appropriate authority for the purposes of subsection (11).
- (13) The requirement in subsection (11) does not apply where the regulations are made under section 19(1) and subsection (1) of this section in relation to an existing mayoral CCA and provide for a function—
- (a) to be a function of the CCA, and
 - (b) to be a function exercisable only by the mayor.

See section 31 in relation to regulations of this kind.

Commencement Information

I22 S. 30 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

31 Procedure for direct conferral of general functions on mayor

- (1) This section applies in relation to regulations which are made under sections 19(1) and 30(1) in relation to an existing mayoral CCA and provide for a function—
- (a) to be a function of the CCA, and
 - (b) to be a function exercisable only by the mayor.
- (2) The Secretary of State may make the regulations only if a request for the making of the regulations has been made to the Secretary of State by the mayor.
- (3) Before submitting a request under this section, the mayor must consult the constituent councils.
- (4) A request under this section must contain—
- (a) a statement by the mayor that all of the constituent councils agree to the making of the regulations, or

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- (b) if the mayor is unable to make that statement, the reasons why the mayor considers the regulations should be made even though not all of the constituent councils agree to them being made.

Commencement Information

I23 S. 31 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

32 Joint exercise of general functions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for, or in connection with, permitting arrangements under section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 to be entered into in relation to general functions of a mayor for the area of a CCA.
- (2) Provision under subsection (1) may include provision—
- (a) for the mayor for the area of a CCA to be a party to the arrangements in place of, or jointly with, the CCA;
 - (b) about the membership of any joint committee;
 - (c) about the member of the joint committee who is to be its chair;
 - (d) about the appointment of members to a joint committee;
 - (e) about the voting powers of members of a joint committee (including provision for different weight to be given to the vote of different descriptions of member).
- (3) Provision under subsection (2)(b) to (d) may include provision for the mayor or other persons—
- (a) to determine the number of members;
 - (b) to have the power to appoint members (whether or not members of the CCA or a local authority that is a party to the arrangements).
- (4) Provision under subsection (2)(d) may include provision as to the circumstances in which appointments to a joint committee need not be made in accordance with sections 15 to 17 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (political balance on local authority committees etc).
- (5) In this section references to a joint committee are to a joint committee falling within section 101(5)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 that is authorised to discharge, by virtue of regulations under this section, general functions of a mayor for the area of a CCA.

Commencement Information

I24 S. 32 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

Police and crime and fire and rescue functions

33 Functions of mayors: policing

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for the mayor for the area of a CCA to exercise functions of a police and crime commissioner in relation to that area.

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- (2) The reference in subsection (1) to functions of a police and crime commissioner is to any functions conferred on police and crime commissioners by or under—
 - (a) Part 1 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, or
 - (b) any other Act (whenever passed).
- (3) In this Chapter references to “PCC functions”, in relation to a mayor for the area of a CCA, are to the functions of a police and crime commissioner that are exercisable by the mayor by virtue of subsection (1).
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) may be made in relation to an existing mayoral CCA only with the consent of the mayor of the CCA.
- (5) If regulations are made under subsection (1) in relation to a CCA’s area—
 - (a) the Secretary of State must by regulations provide that there is to be no police and crime commissioner for that area as from a specified date;
 - (b) the Secretary of State may by regulations provide that any election of a police and crime commissioner for that area that would otherwise take place (whether before or after the specified date) by virtue of section 50(1)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 is not to take place.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (5) may include provision—
 - (a) for the term of office of a police and crime commissioner to continue until the date specified in regulations under subsection (5)(a) (in spite of section 50(7)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011);
 - (b) for an election to fill a vacancy in the office of a police and crime commissioner, which otherwise would take place under section 51 of that Act, not to take place if the vacancy occurs within a period of six months ending with the specified date.
- (7) Schedule 3 contains further provision in connection with regulations under this section.
- (8) Any PCC function exercisable by the mayor for the area of a CCA by virtue of this Act is to be taken to be a function of the CCA exercisable—
 - (a) by the mayor acting individually, or
 - (b) by a person acting under arrangements with the mayor made in accordance with provision made under Schedule 3.

Commencement Information

I25 S. 33 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

34 Exercise of fire and rescue functions

- (1) This section applies to a mayor for the area of a CCA who—
 - (a) by virtue of section 30(1), may exercise functions which are conferred on a fire and rescue authority in that name (“fire and rescue functions”), and
 - (b) by virtue of section 33(1), may exercise functions of a police and crime commissioner.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision—

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- (a) authorising the mayor to arrange for the chief constable of the police force for the police area which corresponds to the area of the CCA to exercise fire and rescue functions exercisable by the mayor;
 - (b) authorising that chief constable to arrange for a person within subsection (4) to exercise the chief constable’s fire and rescue functions.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may provide that arrangements made under the regulations—
- (a) may authorise the exercise of any functions mentioned in that subsection;
 - (b) may authorise the exercise of any functions mentioned in that subsection other than those specified or described in the regulations;
 - (c) may authorise the exercise of such of the functions mentioned in that subsection as are specified or described in the regulations.
- (4) The persons mentioned in subsection (2)(b) are—
- (a) members of the chief constable’s police force;
 - (b) the civilian staff of that police force, as defined by section 102(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011;
 - (c) members of staff transferred to the chief constable under a scheme made by virtue of section 36(1);
 - (d) members of staff appointed by the chief constable under section 36(2).
- (5) Provision in regulations under section 30(1) for a function to be exercisable only by the mayor for the area of a CCA is subject to provision made by virtue of subsection (2).
- (6) This section is subject to—
- (a) section 35 (section 34 regulations: procedure), and
 - (b) section 37 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (prohibition on employment of police in fire-fighting).
- (7) In this section “fire and rescue functions”, in relation to a chief constable, means—
- (a) functions which are exercisable by the chief constable by virtue of provision made under subsection (2)(a), and
 - (b) functions relating to fire and rescue services which are conferred on the chief constable by or by virtue of any enactment.

Commencement Information

I26 S. 34 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

35 Section 34 regulations: procedure

- (1) Regulations under section 34(2) may be made in relation to the mayor for the area of a CCA only if the mayor has requested the Secretary of State to make the regulations.
- (2) A request under subsection (1) must be accompanied by a report which contains—
 - (a) an assessment of why—
 - (i) it is in the interests of economy, efficiency and effectiveness for the regulations to be made, or
 - (ii) it is in the interests of public safety for the regulations to be made,

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- (b) a description of any public consultation which the mayor has carried out on the proposal for the regulations to be made,
 - (c) a summary of the responses to any such consultation, and
 - (d) a summary of the representations (if any) which the mayor has received about that proposal from the constituent members of the CCA.
- (3) Before making the request the mayor must publish, in such manner as the mayor thinks appropriate, the mayor's response to the representations made or views expressed in response to any consultations on the proposal.
- (4) Subsections (5) to (7) apply if—
 - (a) the mayor for the area of a CCA makes a request under subsection (1) for the Secretary of State to make regulations under section 34(2), and
 - (b) at least two thirds of the constituent members of the CCA have indicated that they disagree with the proposal for the regulations to be made.
- (5) The mayor must, in providing the report under subsection (2), provide the Secretary of State with—
 - (a) copies of the representations (if any) made by the constituent members of the CCA about that proposal, and
 - (b) the mayor's response to those representations and to the responses to any public consultation which the mayor has carried out on that proposal.
- (6) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) obtain an independent assessment of that proposal, and
 - (b) in deciding whether to make the regulations, have regard to that assessment and to the material provided under subsection (5) (as well as the material provided under subsection (2)).
- (7) The Secretary of State must publish the independent assessment—
 - (a) as soon as is reasonably practicable after making a determination in response to the proposal, and
 - (b) in such manner as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.
- (8) Regulations under section 34(2) may be made only if it appears to the Secretary of State that—
 - (a) it is in the interests of economy, efficiency and effectiveness for the regulations to be made, or
 - (b) it is in the interests of public safety for the regulations to be made.
- (9) The Secretary of State may not make regulations under section 34(2) in a case within subsection (8)(a) of this section if the Secretary of State thinks that the regulations would have an adverse effect on public safety.
- (10) The Secretary of State may, in making regulations under section 34(2) in relation to the mayor for the area of a CCA, give effect to the mayor's proposal for the regulations with such modifications as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.
- (11) Before making regulations which give effect to such a proposal with modifications, the Secretary of State must consult the mayor and the CCA on the modifications.
- (12) In this section "constituent member", in relation to a CCA, means a member of the CCA appointed by a constituent council (but does not include the mayor for the area of the CCA).

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I27 S. 35 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

36 Section 34 regulations: further provision

- (1) Regulations under section 34(2) may make provision for the making of a scheme to transfer property, rights and liabilities (including criminal liabilities)—
 - (a) from a fire and rescue authority or the CCA to the chief constable, or
 - (b) from the chief constable to the CCA,
 (including provision corresponding to any provision made by section 17(4) to (6) of the Localism Act 2011).
- (2) A chief constable to whom regulations under section 34(2) apply may appoint staff for the purpose of the exercise of the chief constable’s fire and rescue functions.
- (3) A chief constable to whom regulations under section 34(2) apply may—
 - (a) pay remuneration, allowances and gratuities to members of the chief constable’s fire and rescue staff;
 - (b) pay pensions to, or in respect of, persons who are or have been such members of staff;
 - (c) pay amounts for or towards the provision of pensions to, or in respect of, persons who are or have been such members of staff.
- (4) In subsection (3) “allowances”, in relation to a member of staff, means allowances in respect of expenses incurred by the member of staff in the course of employment as such a member of staff.
- (5) Subject to subsections (6) to (8), a person who is employed pursuant to a transfer by virtue of subsection (1) or an appointment under subsection (2) may not at the same time be employed pursuant to an appointment by a chief constable of the police force for a police area under Schedule 2 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- (6) Where regulations under section 34(2) are in force in relation to the chief constable of the police force for a police area, the person who is for the time being the police force’s chief finance officer is to be responsible for the proper administration of financial affairs relating to the exercise of the chief constable’s fire and rescue functions.
- (7) Subsection (5) does not prevent a person who is employed as a finance officer for fire functions from being at the same time employed as a finance officer for police functions.
- (8) In subsection (7)—

“finance officer for fire functions” means a member of a chief constable’s fire and rescue staff who—

 - (a) is not a chief finance officer of the kind mentioned in subsection (6), and
 - (b) is employed to carry out duties relating to the proper administration of financial affairs relating to the exercise of the chief constable’s fire and rescue functions;

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“finance officer for police functions” means a member of a chief constable’s civilian staff within the meaning of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 who—

- (a) is not a chief finance officer of the kind mentioned in subsection (6), and
- (b) is employed to carry out duties relating to the proper administration of a police force’s financial affairs.

(9) Where regulations under section 34(2) are in force, the CCA to which the regulations apply must pay—

- (a) any damages or costs awarded against the chief constable to whom the regulations apply in any proceedings brought against the chief constable in respect of the acts or omissions of a member of the chief constable’s fire and rescue staff;
- (b) any costs incurred by the chief constable in any such proceedings so far as not recovered by the chief constable in the proceedings;
- (c) any sum required in connection with the settlement of any claim made against the chief constable in respect of the acts or omissions of a member of the chief constable’s fire and rescue staff, if the settlement is approved by the CCA.

(10) Where regulations under section 34(2) are in force, the CCA to which the regulations apply may, in such cases and to such extent as appears to the CCA to be appropriate, pay—

- (a) any damages or costs awarded against a member of the fire and rescue staff of the chief constable to whom the regulations apply in proceedings for any unlawful conduct of that member of staff;
- (b) costs incurred and not recovered by such a member of staff in such proceedings;
- (c) sums required in connection with the settlement of a claim that has or might have given rise to such proceedings.

(11) In this section—

“fire and rescue functions” has the same meaning as in section 34;

“fire and rescue staff”, in relation to a chief constable to whom regulations under section 34(2) apply, means—

- (a) staff transferred to the chief constable under a scheme made by virtue of subsection (1);
- (b) staff appointed by the chief constable under subsection (2).

Commencement Information

I28 S. 36 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

37 Section 34 regulations: exercise of fire and rescue functions

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) regulations under section 34(2) make provision in relation to the area of a CCA, and
- (b) by virtue of the regulations, fire and rescue functions exercisable by the mayor for the area of the CCA are exercisable by the chief constable of the police force for the police area which corresponds to that area.

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- (2) The chief constable must secure that good value for money is obtained in exercising—
 - (a) functions which are exercisable by the chief constable by virtue of the regulations, and
 - (b) functions relating to fire and rescue services which are conferred on the chief constable by or by virtue of any enactment.
- (3) The chief constable must secure that other persons exercising functions by virtue of the regulations obtain good value for money in exercising those functions.
- (4) The mayor must—
 - (a) secure the exercise of the duties which are exercisable by the chief constable or another person by virtue of the regulations,
 - (b) secure the exercise of the duties relating to fire and rescue services which are imposed on the chief constable by or by virtue of any enactment,
 - (c) secure that functions which are exercisable by the chief constable or another person by virtue of the regulations are exercised efficiently and effectively, and
 - (d) secure that functions relating to fire and rescue services which are conferred or imposed on the chief constable by or by virtue of any enactment are exercised efficiently and effectively.
- (5) The mayor must hold the chief constable to account for the exercise of such functions.

Commencement Information

I29 S. 37 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

38 Section 34 regulations: complaints and conduct matters etc

- (1) If regulations are made under section 34(2) that enable arrangements to be made for the exercise of functions by members of a police force or the civilian staff of a police force, the Secretary of State may by regulations amend Part 2 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (persons serving with the police: complaints and conduct matters etc) in consequence of that provision.
- (2) If regulations are made under section 34(2) that enable arrangements to be made for the exercise of functions by members of staff transferred to a chief constable under a scheme made by virtue of section 36(1) or appointed by a chief constable under section 36(2), the Secretary of State may by regulations make provision of the type described in subsection (3) in relation to those members of staff.
- (3) The provision referred to in subsection (2) is—
 - (a) provision corresponding or similar to any provision made by or under Part 2 of the Police Reform Act 2002;
 - (b) provision applying (with or without modifications) any provision made by or under Part 2 of that Act.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations, in consequence of any provision made under subsection (2), amend Part 2 of the Police Reform Act 2002.
- (5) Before making regulations under this section the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Police Advisory Board for England and Wales,

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- (b) the Director General of the Independent Office for Police Conduct,
- (c) such persons as appear to the Secretary of State to represent the views of police and crime commissioners,
- (d) such persons as appear to the Secretary of State to represent the views of fire and rescue authorities, and
- (e) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Commencement Information

I30 S. 38 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

39 Section 34 regulations: application of fire and rescue provisions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
 - (a) apply (with or without modifications) any provision of a fire and rescue enactment in relation to a person within subsection (2);
 - (b) make, in relation to a person within subsection (2), provision corresponding or similar to any provision of a fire and rescue enactment.
- (2) Those persons are—
 - (a) a chief constable of a police force for a police area to whom regulations under section 34(2) apply,
 - (b) a member of staff transferred to such a chief constable under a scheme made by virtue of section 36(1),
 - (c) a member of staff appointed by such a chief constable under section 36(2),
 - (d) a member of such a chief constable’s police force by whom functions are exercisable by virtue of section 34(2)(b), and
 - (e) a member of the civilian staff of such a police force (as defined by section 102(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) by whom functions are exercisable by virtue of section 34(2)(b).
- (3) The power conferred by subsection (1)(a) or (b) includes power to apply (with or without modifications) any provision made under a fire and rescue enactment or make provision corresponding or similar to any such provision.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend, revoke or repeal a provision of or made under an enactment in consequence of provision made by virtue of subsection (1).
- (5) In this section “fire and rescue enactment” means an enactment relating to a fire and rescue authority (including, in particular, an enactment relating to an employee of such an authority or property of such an authority).
- (6) References in this section to an enactment or to provision made under an enactment are to an enactment whenever passed or (as the case may be) to provision whenever the instrument containing it is made.

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I31 S. 39 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

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40 Section 34 regulations: application of local policing provisions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
 - (a) apply (with or without modifications) any provision of a local policing enactment in relation to a person within subsection (2);
 - (b) make, in relation to such a person, provision corresponding or similar to any provision of a local policing enactment.
- (2) Those persons are—
 - (a) a mayor for the area of a CCA to whom regulations under section 34(2) apply,
 - (b) a chief constable to whom such regulations apply, and
 - (c) a panel established by virtue of regulations under paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 for such an area.
- (3) The power conferred by subsection (1)(a) or (b) includes power to apply (with or without modifications) any provision made under a local policing enactment or make provision corresponding or similar to any such provision.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend, revoke or repeal a provision of or made under an enactment in consequence of provision made by virtue of subsection (1).
- (5) In this section “local policing enactment” means an enactment relating to a police and crime commissioner.
- (6) References in this section to an enactment or to provision made under an enactment are to an enactment whenever passed or (as the case may be) to provision whenever the instrument containing it is made.

Commencement Information

I32 S. 40 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

Financial matters relating to mayors

41 Mayors for CCA areas: financial matters

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the costs of a mayor for the area of a CCA that are incurred in, or in connection with, the exercise of mayoral functions to be met from precepts issued by the CCA under section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- (2) The function of issuing precepts under Chapter 4 of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 in respect of mayoral functions is to be a function exercisable only by the mayor acting on behalf of the CCA.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations modify the application of Chapter 4 or 4ZA of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 so far as applying to cases where the precepting authority in question under that Chapter is a mayoral CCA.
- (4) Where the mayoral functions of a mayor include PCC functions—
 - (a) the provision made by virtue of subsection (3) must include provision to ensure that the council tax requirement calculated under section 42A of the

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Local Government Finance Act 1992 consists of separate components in respect of the mayor’s PCC functions and the mayor’s general functions, and

- (b) the function of calculating the component in respect of the mayor’s PCC functions is itself to be treated as a PCC function for the purposes of this Part.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision—
- (a) requiring the mayor to maintain a fund in relation to receipts arising, and liabilities incurred, in the exercise of general functions;
 - (b) about the preparation of an annual budget in relation to the exercise of general functions.

(For power to make corresponding provision in relation to PCC functions, see paragraph 7 of Schedule 3.)

- (6) Provision under subsection (5)(b) may in particular include provision for—
- (a) the mayor to prepare a draft budget;
 - (b) the draft to be scrutinised by—
 - (i) the other members of the CCA, and
 - (ii) a committee of the CCA appointed in accordance with paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 1;
 - (c) the making of changes to the draft as a result of such scrutiny;
 - (d) the approval of the draft by the CCA (including a power to veto the draft in circumstances specified in the regulations and the consequences of any such veto);
 - (e) the basis on which such approval is to be given.
- (7) The reference in subsection (6)(b)(i) to a member of a CCA does not include a non-constituent or associate member.
- (8) In this section “mayoral functions”, in relation to a mayor, means—
- (a) the mayor’s general functions, and
 - (b) if the mayor exercises PCC functions, the mayor’s PCC functions.

Commencement Information

I33 S. 41 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

Alternative mayoral titles

42 Alternative mayoral titles

- (1) At the first meeting of a mayoral CCA after regulations made under section 27(1) come into force, the CCA must, by a resolution in accordance with subsection (3)—
- (a) provide that the mayor for the area of the CCA is to be known by the title of mayor, or
 - (b) change the title by which the mayor for the area of the CCA is to be known to an alternative title mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) The alternative titles are—
- (a) county commissioner;
 - (b) county governor;

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- (c) elected leader;
 - (d) governor;
 - (e) a title that the CCA considers more appropriate than the alternative titles mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d), having regard to the title of other public office holders in the area of the CCA.
- (3) The following requirements must be met in relation to the resolution mentioned in subsection (1)—
- (a) particulars of the resolution must be included in the notice of the meeting,
 - (b) where the resolution includes a proposed alternative title mentioned in subsection (2)(e), the resolution must specify why the CCA considers that the title is more appropriate than the other alternative titles mentioned in subsection (2), and
 - (c) the resolution must be passed at the meeting by a simple majority of the members of the CCA who vote on it.
- (4) Subsections (5) and (6) apply where under this section a mayoral CCA changes the title by which the mayor for the area of the CCA is to be known to an alternative title.
- (5) The CCA must—
- (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the CCA in such manner as the CCA considers appropriate, and
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (6) Where this subsection applies—
- (a) a reference in any enactment (whenever passed or made) to the mayor for the area of the CCA is, unless the context otherwise requires, to be read as a reference to the alternative title by which the mayor is to be known, and
 - (b) references to mayor, mayoral (except in the expression “mayoral CCA”) and deputy mayor are to be construed accordingly.
- (7) A change of title under this section does not affect the rights or obligations of any person or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of title.
- (8) In this section a reference to a member of a CCA does not include a non-constituent member.
- (9) In this section “enactment”—
- (a) includes an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978, but
 - (b) does not include this section or section 43.

Commencement Information

I34 S. 42 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

43 Alternative mayoral titles: further changes

- (1) This section applies where a mayoral CCA has—

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- (a) by a resolution under section 42 or by a previous resolution under this section, changed the title by which the mayor for the area of the CCA is to be known to an alternative title,
 - (b) by a resolution under section 42, provided that the mayor for the area of the CCA is to be known by the title of mayor, or
 - (c) by a previous resolution under this section, provided that the mayor for the area of the CCA is no longer to be known by an alternative title.
- (2) The CCA may, by a resolution in accordance with this section—
 - (a) in a subsection (1)(a) case—
 - (i) provide that the mayor is no longer to be known by the alternative title, or
 - (ii) change the title by which the mayor is to be known to an alternative title mentioned in subsection (3);
 - (b) in a subsection (1)(b) or (c) case, change the title by which the mayor is to be known to an alternative title mentioned in subsection (3).
- (3) The alternative titles mentioned in subsection (2) are as follows—
 - (a) county commissioner;
 - (b) county governor;
 - (c) elected leader;
 - (d) governor;
 - (e) a title that the CCA considers more appropriate than the alternative titles mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d), having regard to the title of other public office holders in the area of the CCA.
- (4) The following requirements must be met in relation to the resolution mentioned in subsection (2)—
 - (a) the resolution must be considered at a relevant meeting of the CCA,
 - (b) particulars of the resolution must be included in the notice of the meeting,
 - (c) where the resolution includes a proposed alternative title mentioned in subsection (3)(e), the resolution must specify why the CCA considers that the title is more appropriate than the other alternative titles mentioned in subsection (3), and
 - (d) the resolution must be passed at the meeting by a simple majority of the members of the CCA who vote on it.
- (5) In subsection (4)(a) “relevant meeting” means the first meeting of the CCA held after a qualifying election for the return of the mayor, provided that the election is at least the third qualifying election since the resolution mentioned in subsection (1) was passed.
- (6) Where under this section an authority provides that the mayor for the area of the CCA is no longer to be known by an alternative title, the CCA must—
 - (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the CCA in such manner as the CCA considers appropriate,
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (7) Subsections (8) and (9) apply where under this section a CCA changes the title by which the mayor for the area of the CCA is to be known to an alternative title.
- (8) The authority must—

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- (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the CCA in such manner as the CCA considers appropriate,
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (9) Where this subsection applies—
- (a) a reference in any enactment (whenever passed or made) to the mayor for the area of the CCA is, unless the context otherwise requires, to be read as a reference to the alternative title by which the mayor is to be known, and
 - (b) references to mayor, mayoral (except in the expression “mayoral CCA”) and deputy mayor are to be construed accordingly.
- (10) A change of title under this section does not affect the rights or obligations of any person, or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of title.
- (11) Where a mayoral CCA to which section 42 applies does not pass a resolution as required by subsection (1) of that section, the authority is to be treated for the purposes of this section as if, at the meeting mentioned in that subsection, it had passed the resolution mentioned in section 42(1)(a) (providing that the mayor is to be known by the title of mayor).
- (12) In this section a reference to a member of a CCA does not include a non-constituent member.
- (13) In this section—
- “enactment” has the same meaning as in section 42;
 - “qualifying election” means an election for the return of the mayor, other than—
- (a) the first election for the return of the mayor, and
 - (b) an election caused by a vacancy in the office of the mayor occurring before expiry of the mayor’s term of office.

Commencement Information

I35 S. 43 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

44 Power to amend list of alternative titles

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend section 42(2) or 43(3) to add, modify or remove a reference to an alternative title or a description of an alternative title.
- (2) In its application to subsection (1), section 252(1)(c) (power for regulations to make consequential etc provision) includes power to make consequential amendments to section 42 or 43.

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I36 S. 44 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

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Requirements in connection with regulations about CCAs

45 Proposal for new CCA

- (1) One or more authorities to which this section applies may—
 - (a) prepare a proposal for the establishment of a CCA for an area, and
 - (b) submit the proposal to the Secretary of State.
- (2) This section applies to the following authorities—
 - (a) a county council whose area is within the proposed area;
 - (b) a unitary district council whose area is within the proposed area;
 - (c) an economic prosperity board the whole or any part of whose area is within the proposed area;
 - (d) an Integrated Transport Authority the whole or any part of whose area is within the proposed area;
 - (e) a combined authority the whole or any part of whose area is within the proposed area.
- (3) In this section “the proposed area” means the area for which the CCA is proposed to be established.
- (4) Before submitting a proposal under this section to the Secretary of State, the authority or authorities preparing the proposal must—
 - (a) carry out a public consultation across the proposed area on the proposal, and
 - (b) have regard to the results of the consultation in preparing the proposal for submission to the Secretary of State.
- (5) The requirements in subsection (4) may be satisfied by things done before the coming into force of this section.
- (6) If a proposal under this section is not submitted by all of the authorities to which this section applies, each authority which does not submit the proposal must consent to its submission to the Secretary of State.
- (7) A proposal under this section must specify the purposes to be achieved by the establishment of the CCA.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
 - (a) make further provision about the matters which must be addressed by a proposal under this section;
 - (b) make provision about material which must be included in or submitted with a proposal under this section.

Commencement Information

I37 S. 45 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(a\)](#)

46 Requirements in connection with establishment of CCA

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations establishing a CCA for an area only if—

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- (a) the Secretary of State considers that to do so is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area,
 - (b) the Secretary of State considers that to do so is appropriate having regard to the need—
 - (i) to secure effective and convenient local government, and
 - (ii) to reflect the identities and interests of local communities,
 - (c) where a proposal for the establishment of the CCA has been submitted under section 45, the Secretary of State considers that its establishment will achieve the purposes specified under subsection (7) of that section,
 - (d) the constituent councils consent, and
 - (e) any consultation required by subsection (3) has been carried out.
- (2) If a proposal for the establishment of the CCA has been submitted under section 45, the Secretary of State must have regard to the proposal in making the regulations.
- (3) The Secretary of State must carry out a public consultation unless—
- (a) a proposal has been prepared under section 45,
 - (b) a public consultation has been carried out in connection with the proposal and the Secretary of State has been provided with a summary of the consultation responses, and
 - (c) the Secretary of State considers that no further consultation is necessary.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where the Secretary of State is considering whether to make regulations establishing a CCA for an area and—
- (a) part of the area is separated from the rest of it by one or more local government areas that are not within the area, or
 - (b) a local government area that is not within the area is surrounded by local government areas that are within the area.
- (5) In deciding whether to make the regulations, the Secretary of State must have regard to the likely effect of the creation of the proposed CCA on the exercise of functions equivalent to those of the proposed CCA’s functions in each local government area that is next to any part of the proposed CCA area.
- (6) In this Chapter “local government area” means the area of a county council or a district council.

Commencement Information

I38 S. 46 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

47 Proposal for changes to existing arrangements relating to CCA

- (1) One or more authorities to which this section applies may—
- (a) prepare a proposal for the making of regulations under section 10, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 30 or 33 in relation to an existing CCA, and
 - (b) submit the proposal to the Secretary of State.
- (2) This section applies to the following authorities—

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- (a) the CCA;
 - (b) a county council whose area is within the area of the CCA;
 - (c) a unitary district council whose area is within the area of the CCA;
 - (d) in the case of a proposal for the making of regulations under section 25 to add the area of a county council to the area of the CCA, that county council;
 - (e) in the case of a proposal for the making of regulations under section 25 to add the area of a unitary district council to the area of the CCA, that unitary district council.
- (3) Before submitting a proposal under this section to the Secretary of State, the authority or authorities preparing the proposal must—
- (a) carry out a public consultation across—
 - (i) the area of the CCA, and
 - (ii) in the case of a proposal for the making of regulations under section 25 to add a relevant local government area to the area of the CCA, that relevant local government area, and
 - (b) have regard to the results of the consultation in preparing the proposal for submission to the Secretary of State.
- (4) The requirements in subsection (3) may be satisfied by things done before the coming into force of this section.
- (5) Before a proposal under this section for the making of regulations is submitted to the Secretary of State, each person who would have to consent to the making of the regulations must consent to the submission of the proposal.
- (6) If a proposal under this section is submitted to the Secretary of State by an authority, the authority is to be treated as having consented to its submission for the purposes of subsection (5).
- (7) In determining for the purposes of subsection (6) who would have to consent to the making of regulations under section 27, section 28(2)(b) (limited consent requirements) is to be disregarded.
- (8) A proposal under this section must specify the purposes to be achieved by the regulations which it proposes should be made.
- (9) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
- (a) make further provision about the matters which must be addressed by a proposal under this section;
 - (b) make provision about material which must be included in or submitted with a proposal under this section.

Commencement Information

I39 S. 47 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

48 Requirements for changes to existing arrangements relating to CCA

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations under section 10, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 30 or 33 in relation to an existing CCA only if—

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- (a) the Secretary of State considers that to do so is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area,
 - (b) the Secretary of State considers that to do so is appropriate having regard to the need—
 - (i) to secure effective and convenient local government, and
 - (ii) to reflect the identities and interests of local communities,
 - (c) where a proposal for the making of the regulations has been submitted under section 47, the Secretary of State considers that making the regulations will achieve the purposes specified under subsection (8) of that section, and
 - (d) any consultation required by subsection (3) has been carried out.
- (2) If a proposal for the making of the regulations has been submitted under section 47, the Secretary of State must have regard to the proposal in making the regulations.
- (3) The Secretary of State must carry out a public consultation unless—
- (a) a proposal has been prepared under section 47,
 - (b) a public consultation has been carried out in connection with the proposal and the Secretary of State has been provided with a summary of the consultation responses, and
 - (c) the Secretary of State considers that no further consultation is necessary.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where the Secretary of State is considering whether to make regulations under section 25 and—
- (a) part of the area to be created is separated from the rest of it by one or more local government areas that are not within the area, or
 - (b) a local government area that is not within the area to be created is surrounded by local government areas that are within the area.
- (5) In deciding whether to make the regulations under section 25, the Secretary of State must have regard to the likely effect of the change to the CCA’s area on the exercise of functions equivalent to those of the CCA’s functions in each local government area that is next to any part of the area to be created by the regulations.
- (6) This section does not apply to regulations under section 25(1)(b) that are made as a result of the duty in section 28(3).

Commencement Information

I40 S. 48 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

General powers of CCAs

49 General power of CCA

- (1) A CCA may do—
- (a) anything it considers appropriate for the purposes of the carrying-out of any of its functions (its “functional purposes”),
 - (b) anything it considers appropriate for purposes incidental to its functional purposes,

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- (c) anything it considers appropriate for purposes indirectly incidental to its functional purposes through any number of removes,
 - (d) anything it considers to be connected with—
 - (i) any of its functions, or
 - (ii) anything it may do under paragraph (a), (b) or (c), and
 - (e) for a commercial purpose anything which it may do under any of paragraphs (a) to (d) otherwise than for a commercial purpose.
- (2) Where subsection (1) confers power on a CCA to do something, it confers power (subject to section 50) to do it anywhere in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.
- (3) Power conferred on a CCA by subsection (1) is in addition to, and is not limited by, its other powers.
- (4) This section does not apply in relation to a CCA in respect of which regulations under section 52(1) have effect.

Commencement Information

I41 S. 49 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

50 Boundaries of power under section 49

- (1) Section 49(1) does not enable a CCA to do anything which it is unable to do by virtue of a relevant limitation which is expressed to apply—
- (a) to its power under section 49(1),
 - (b) to all of its powers, or
 - (c) to all of its powers but with exceptions that do not include its power under section 49(1).
- (2) If exercise of a relevant power of a CCA is subject to restrictions, those restrictions apply also to exercise of the power conferred on it by section 49(1) so far as that power is overlapped by the relevant power.
- (3) Section 49(1) does not authorise a CCA to borrow money.
- (4) Section 49(1)(a) to (d) does not authorise a CCA to charge a person for anything done by it otherwise than for a commercial purpose (but see section 93 of the Local Government Act 2003 (power of CCAs and other best value authorities to charge for discretionary services)).
- (5) Section 49(1)(e) does not authorise a CCA to do things for a commercial purpose in relation to a person if a statutory provision requires it to do those things in relation to the person.
- (6) Where under section 49(1)(e) a CCA does things for a commercial purpose, it must do them through—
- (a) a company within the meaning given by section 1(1) of the Companies Act 2006,
 - (b) a registered society within the meaning of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, or
 - (c) a society registered or deemed to be registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.

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(7) In this section—

- “relevant limitation” means a prohibition, restriction or other limitation imposed by a statutory provision;
- “relevant power” means a power conferred by a statutory provision;
- “statutory provision” means a provision of an Act or of an instrument made under an Act.

Commencement Information

I42 S. 50 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

51 Power to make provision supplemental to section 49

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision preventing CCAs from doing under section 49(1) anything which is specified, or is of a description specified, in the regulations.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for the exercise by CCAs of power conferred by section 49(1) to be subject to conditions, whether generally or in relation to doing anything specified, or of a description specified, in the regulations.
- (3) The power under subsection (1) or (2) may be exercised in relation to—
 - (a) all CCAs,
 - (b) particular CCAs, or
 - (c) particular descriptions of CCAs.
- (4) Before making regulations under subsection (1) or (2) the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) such representatives of CCAs,
 - (b) such representatives of local government, and
 - (c) such other persons (if any),
 as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) Subsection (4) does not apply to regulations under subsection (1) or (2) which are made only for the purpose of amending earlier such regulations—
 - (a) so as to extend the earlier regulations, or any provision of the earlier regulations, to a particular CCA or to CCAs of a particular description, or
 - (b) so that the earlier regulations, or any provision of the earlier regulations, ceases to apply to a particular CCA or to CCAs of a particular description.

Commencement Information

I43 S. 51 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

52 General power of competence

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 (which confers a general power of competence on local authorities)

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to have effect in relation to a CCA specified in the regulations as it has effect in relation to a local authority.

- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may be made only with the consent of the appropriate authorities (as defined by section 28(4)).
- (3) Where regulations under subsection (1) are contained in the same instrument as regulations made by virtue of section 28(2)(b), a non-consenting constituent council is not to be treated as an appropriate authority for the purposes of subsection (2).

Commencement Information

I44 S. 52 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

Supplementary

53 Incidental etc provision

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make incidental, consequential, transitional, transitory or supplementary provision for the purposes of, or in consequence of, regulations under this Chapter or for giving full effect to such regulations.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may not include provision amending or disapplying sections 15 to 17 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (political balance on local authority committees etc).

Commencement Information

I45 S. 53 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

54 Transfer of property, rights and liabilities

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities (including criminal liabilities) for the purposes of, or in consequence of, regulations under this Chapter or for giving full effect to such regulations.
- (2) Property, rights and liabilities may be transferred by—
 - (a) the regulations,
 - (b) scheme made by the Secretary of State under the regulations, or
 - (c) a scheme required to be made under the regulations by a person other than the Secretary of State.
- (3) A transfer by virtue of this section may have effect—
 - (a) whether or not the property, rights and liabilities would otherwise be capable of being transferred;
 - (b) without any instrument or formality being required.
- (4) The rights and liabilities which may be transferred by virtue of this section include rights and liabilities in relation to a contract of employment.

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- (5) The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 ([S.I. 2006/246](#)) apply to the transfer by virtue of this section (whether or not the transfer is a relevant transfer for the purposes of those regulations).
- (6) Regulations under this section or a scheme made under them may define the property, rights and liabilities to be transferred by specifying or describing them.
- (7) Provision for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities made by virtue of this section may include provision—
 - (a) for the creation or imposition by the Secretary of State of new rights or liabilities in respect of anything transferred;
 - (b) for the shared ownership or use of any property or facilities;
 - (c) for the management or custody of transferred property;
 - (d) for bodies to make agreements with respect to any property, income, rights, liabilities and expenses of, and any financial relations between, the parties to the agreement.
- (8) Provision for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities made by virtue of this section may include provision—
 - (a) for the continuing effect of things done by the transferor in relation to anything transferred;
 - (b) for the continuation of things (including legal proceedings) in the process of being done, by or on behalf of or in relation to the transferor in relation to anything transferred;
 - (c) for references to the transferor in any agreement (whether written or not), instrument or other document in relation to anything transferred to be treated (so far as necessary for the purposes of or in consequence of the transfer) as references to the transferee.

Commencement Information

I46 [S. 54](#) in force at 26.12.2023, see [s. 255\(2\)\(c\)](#)

55 Guidance

- (1) The Secretary of State may give guidance about anything that could be done under or by virtue of this Chapter by an authority to whom this section applies.
- (2) An authority to whom this section applies must have regard to any guidance given under this section in exercising any function conferred or imposed by or by virtue of this Chapter.
- (3) Any guidance under this section must be given in writing and may be varied or revoked by further guidance in writing.
- (4) Any such guidance may make different provision for different cases and different provision for different areas.
- (5) This section applies to—
 - (a) a county council;
 - (b) a district council;
 - (c) an Integrated Transport Authority;

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- (d) a combined authority;
- (e) a CCA.

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I47 S. 55 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

56 Consequential amendments

[Schedule 4](#) (combined county authorities: consequential amendments) has effect.

Commencement Information

I48 S. 56 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

57 Interpretation of Chapter

In this Chapter—

- “associate member” has the meaning given by section [12\(1\)](#);
- “CCA” has the meaning given by section [9\(1\)](#);
- “combined authority” has the meaning given by section [9\(5\)](#);
- “constituent council” has the meaning given by section [10\(11\)](#);
- “deputy mayor” has the meaning given by section [29\(7\)](#);
- “economic prosperity board” has the meaning given by section [9\(5\)](#);
- “fire and rescue authority” means a fire and rescue authority under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004;
- “general functions” has the meaning given by section [30\(2\)](#);
- “Integrated Transport Authority” has the meaning given by section [9\(5\)](#);
- “local government area” has the meaning given by section [46\(6\)](#);
- “mayor”, in relation to the area of a CCA, means the mayor for the area of the CCA by virtue of regulations under section [27\(1\)](#);
- “mayoral CCA” has the meaning given by section [27\(8\)](#);
- “nominating body” means a body designated under section [11\(1\)](#);
- “non-constituent member” has the meaning given by section [11\(3\)](#);
- “PCC functions” has the meaning given by section [33\(3\)](#);
- “two-tier county council” has the meaning given by section [9\(5\)](#);
- “unitary county council” has the meaning given by section [9\(5\)](#);
- “unitary district council” has the meaning given by section [9\(5\)](#).

Commencement Information

I49 S. 57 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(c)

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CHAPTER 2

OTHER PROVISION

Combined authorities

58 Review of combined authority’s constitutional arrangements

After section 104C of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (inserted by section 64(8)) insert—

“104D Review of combined authority’s constitutional arrangements

- (1) This section applies if an order under section 104(1) (constitution of combined authority) enables a combined authority to make provision about its constitution (“constitutional provision”).
- (2) An appropriate person may carry out a review of the combined authority’s constitutional provision if—
 - (a) an appropriate person proposes a review, and
 - (b) the combined authority consents to the review.
- (3) If an appropriate person carries out a review under subsection (2), they may propose changes to the combined authority’s constitutional provision as a result of the review for agreement by the authority.
- (4) The question of whether to consent under subsection (2)(b) or to agree to changes proposed under subsection (3) is to be decided at a meeting of the combined authority by a simple majority of the voting members of the authority who are present at the meeting.
- (5) In the case of a mayoral combined authority—
 - (a) a majority in favour of consenting under subsection (2)(b) does not need to include the mayor, but
 - (b) a majority in favour of changes proposed under subsection (3) must include the mayor.
- (6) The reference in subsection (4) to a voting member—
 - (a) includes a substitute member who may act in place of a voting member;
 - (b) does not include a non-constituent member.
- (7) Subsection (4) applies instead of—
 - (a) any provision of an order under section 104(1) made before the coming into force of this section which is about the procedure applying to a decision on a question of a kind mentioned in subsection (4), and
 - (b) any constitutional provision of a combined authority about such procedure.
- (8) In this section “appropriate person”, in relation to a combined authority, means—
 - (a) a member of the authority appointed by a county council the whole or any part of whose area is within the area of the authority,

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- (b) a member of the authority appointed by a district council whose area is within the area of the authority, or
- (c) the mayor for the area of the authority (if it is a mayoral combined authority).”

Commencement Information

I50 S. 58 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(d)

59 Consent to changes to combined authority’s area

(1) The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 104 (constitution of combined authority), after subsection (11) insert—

“(11A) If the only provision made under this section in an order under this Part is provision as a result of an order under section 106 (changes to boundaries of combined authority’s area)—

- (a) subsection (10) does not apply to the order under this Part, and
- (b) subsections (3A) to (3H) of section 106 apply in relation to the order as if it contained the provision made by the order under section 106.”

(3) Section 106 (changes to boundaries of combined authority’s area) is amended in accordance with subsections (4) to (9).

(4) For subsection (3A) substitute—

“(3A) An order under this section adding or removing a local government area to or from an existing area of a mayoral combined authority may be made only if—

- (a) the relevant council in relation to the local government area consents, and
- (b) the mayor for the area of the combined authority consents.

(3AA) An order under this section adding or removing a local government area to or from an existing area of a combined authority which is not a mayoral combined authority may be made only if—

- (a) the relevant council in relation to the local government area consents, and
- (b) the combined authority consents.”

(5) In subsection (3B), for “subsection (3A)(a)” substitute “subsections (3A)(a) and (3AA)(a)”.

(6) In subsection (3C), after “subsection (3A)(a)” insert “or (3AA)(a)”.

(7) After subsection (3C) insert—

“(3CA) The question of whether to consent under subsection (3AA)(b) to an order under this section is to be decided at a meeting of the combined authority by a simple majority of the voting members of the authority who are present at the meeting.

(3CB) Subsection (3CA) applies instead of—

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- (a) any provision of an order under section 104(1) made before the coming into force of that subsection which is about the procedure applying to a decision on a question of the kind mentioned in that subsection, and
 - (b) any provision made by a combined authority about its constitution under such an order about such procedure.”
- (8) For subsection (3D) substitute—
- “(3D) Where an order under subsection (1)(b) is made as a result of the duty in section 105B(5) or 107B(4)—
- (a) subsection (2) does not apply, and
 - (b) neither subsection (3A) nor subsection (3AA) applies.”
- (9) After subsection (3D) insert—
- “(3E) Subsection (3F) applies if a combined authority has made provision about its constitution under an order under section 104(1).
- (3F) A decision about any change to that provision as a result of an order under this section is to be decided at a meeting of the combined authority by a simple majority of the voting members of the authority who are present at the meeting.
- (3G) Subsection (3F) applies instead of—
- (a) any provision of an order under section 104(1) made before the coming into force of that subsection which is about the procedure applying to a decision on a question of the kind mentioned in that subsection, and
 - (b) any provision made by a combined authority about its constitution under such an order about such procedure.
- (3H) A reference in this section to a voting member—
- (a) includes a substitute member who may act in place of a voting member;
 - (b) does not include a non-constituent member.”

Commencement Information

I51 S. 59 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(e\)](#)

60 Changes to mayoral combined authority’s area: additional requirements

- (1) An order under section 106 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 which adds a local government area to an existing area of a mayoral combined authority may only be made during the relevant period if the consultation requirements in subsection (2) are met.
- (2) The consultation requirements are as follows—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has consulted the Local Government Boundary Commission for England,
 - (b) the mayor for the area of the combined authority has consulted the residents of the local government area which is to be added to that area, and

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- (c) the mayor has given the Secretary of State a report providing information about the consultation carried out under paragraph (b), and the Secretary of State has laid the report before Parliament.
- (3) In this section, “the relevant period” means the period of 9 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.

Commencement Information

I52 S. 60 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(e\)](#)

61 Consent to conferral of general functions on mayor

- (1) The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 is amended as follows.

- (2) In section 104 (constitution of combined authority), after subsection (11A) (inserted by section [59\(2\)](#)) insert—

“(11B) If the only provision made under this section in an order under this Part is provision as a result of an order to which section 107DA (procedure for direct conferral of general functions on mayor) applies—

- (a) subsection (10) does not apply to the order under this Part, and
(b) the order may be made only with the consent of the mayor for the combined authority.”

- (3) In section 105B (section 105A orders: procedure), after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) The requirements in subsection (1) do not apply where the order is made under sections 105A and 107D in relation to an existing mayoral combined authority and provides for a function—

- (a) to be a function of the combined authority, and
(b) to be a function exercisable only by the mayor.

See section 107DA in relation to an order of this kind.”

- (4) In section 107D (functions of mayors: general), after subsection (10) insert—

“(11) The requirement in subsection (9) does not apply where the order is made under section 105A and this section in relation to an existing mayoral combined authority and provides for a function—

- (a) to be a function of the combined authority, and
(b) to be a function exercisable only by the mayor.

See section 107DA in relation to an order of this kind.”

- (5) After section 107D insert—

“107DA Procedure for direct conferral of general functions on mayor

- (1) This section applies in relation to an order which is made under sections 105A and 107D in relation to an existing mayoral combined authority and provides for a function—

- (a) to be a function of the combined authority, and

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- (b) to be a function exercisable only by the mayor.
- (2) The Secretary of State may make the order only if a request for the making of the order has been made to the Secretary of State by the mayor.
- (3) Before submitting a request under this section, the mayor must consult the constituent councils.
- (4) A request under this section must contain—
 - (a) a statement by the mayor that all of the constituent councils agree to the making of the order, or
 - (b) if the mayor is unable to make that statement, the reasons why the mayor considers the order should be made even though not all of the constituent councils agree to it being made.
- (5) In this section “constituent council” means—
 - (a) a county council the whole or any part of whose area is within the area of the combined authority, or
 - (b) a district council whose area is within the area of the combined authority.”

Commencement Information

I53 S. 61 in force at 26.12.2023, see [s. 255\(2\)\(f\)](#)

62 Consent to conferral of police and crime commissioner functions on mayor

- (1) Section 107F of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (functions of mayors: policing) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (4) substitute—
 - “(4) An order under subsection (1) may be made in relation to an existing mayoral combined authority only with the consent of the mayor of the authority.”
- (3) Omit subsection (9).

Commencement Information

I54 S. 62 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(g\)](#)

63 Functions in respect of key route network roads

- (1) The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 104, in subsection (10), for “An” substitute “Except as provided for by [section 107ZA\(7\)](#), an”.
- (3) In section 107D, in subsection (9), for “An” substitute “Except as provided for by [section 107ZA\(7\)](#), an”.
- (4) After section 107 insert—

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“Combined authorities: key route network roads

107ZA Designation of key route network roads

- (1) A combined authority may designate a highway or proposed highway in its area as a key route network road, or remove its designation as a key route network road, with the consent of—
 - (a) each constituent council in whose area the highway or proposed highway is, and
 - (b) in the case of a mayoral combined authority, the mayor.
- (2) The Secretary of State may designate a highway or proposed highway in the area of a combined authority as a key route network road, or remove its designation as a key route network road, if requested to do so by—
 - (a) the combined authority,
 - (b) the mayor (if any) of the combined authority, or
 - (c) a constituent council.
- (3) A designation or removal under this section must be in writing and must state when it comes into effect.
- (4) The Secretary of State must send a copy of a designation or removal under [subsection \(2\)](#) to the combined authority in question at least 7 days before the date on which it comes into effect.
- (5) A combined authority must publish each designation or removal under this section of a key route network road within its area before the date on which it comes into effect.
- (6) A combined authority that has key route network roads in its area must keep a list or map (or both) accessible to the public showing those roads.
- (7) The requirements in section 104(10) and section 107D(9)(a) do not apply to provision under section 104(1)(d) and section 107D(1) contained in the same instrument so far as that provision—
 - (a) confers a power of direction on an existing mayoral combined authority regarding the exercise of an eligible power in respect of key route network roads in the area of that combined authority,
 - (b) provides for that power of direction to be exercisable only by the mayor of the combined authority, and
 - (c) is made with the consent of the mayor after the mayor has consulted the constituent councils.
- (8) When a mayor consents under [subsection \(7\)\(c\)](#), the mayor must give the Secretary of State—
 - (a) a statement by the mayor that all of the constituent councils agree to the making of the order, or
 - (b) if the mayor is unable to make that statement, the reasons why the mayor considers the order should be made even though not all of the constituent councils agree to it being made.
- (9) In this section—

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“constituent council” has the meaning given in section 104(11);

“eligible power” has the meaning given by section 88(2) of the Local Transport Act 2008;

“key route network road” means a highway or proposed highway designated for the time being under this section as a key route network road;

“proposed highway” means land on which, in accordance with plans made by a highway authority, that authority are for the time being constructing or intending to construct a highway shown in the plans.”

Commencement Information

I55 S. 63 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(h)

64 Membership of combined authority

- (1) The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 is amended as follows.
- (2) Section 104 (constitution of combined authority) is amended in accordance with subsections (3) to (7).
- (3) In subsection (2), for “85” substitute “85(1) to (3)”.
- (4) For subsection (2A) substitute—
 - “(2A) But—
 - (a) section 84 of that Act, in its application to a combined authority by virtue of subsection (1)(a), is subject to—
 - (i) sections 104A and 104B and regulations under section 104C (combined authority membership), and
 - (ii) sections 104D(4) and 106(3CA) and (3F) (procedure for combined authority consents), and
 - (b) section 85(1) of that Act, in its application to a combined authority by virtue of subsection (2), is subject to subsections (2AA) and (2B).”
- (5) After subsection (2A) insert—
 - “(2AA) Section 85(1)(a) has effect as if it required an order which includes provision about the number and appointment of members of a combined authority to provide for the authority’s members, other than—
 - (a) the mayor (in the case of a mayoral combined authority),
 - (b) the authority’s non-constituent members (see section 104A), and
 - (c) the authority’s associate members (see section 104B),
 to be appointed by the authority’s constituent councils.”
- (6) Omit subsection (2C).
- (7) In subsection (11), for “subsection (10)” substitute “this section”.
- (8) After section 104 insert—

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“104A Non-constituent members of a combined authority

- (1) A combined authority may designate a body other than a constituent council as a nominating body for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) A body may be designated under subsection (1) only if the body consents to the designation.
- (3) A nominating body of a combined authority may nominate a representative of the body for appointment by the authority as a member (a “non-constituent member”).
- (4) The non-constituent members of a combined authority are to be non-voting members of that authority unless the voting members resolve otherwise.
- (5) A resolution under subsection (4) does not permit non-constituent members to vote on a decision whether the combined authority should consent to the making of an order under this Part.
- (6) This section is subject to regulations under section 104C(4) (disapplication of this section).
- (7) In this section “constituent council”, in relation to a combined authority, means—
 - (a) a county council the whole or any part of whose area is within the area of the authority, or
 - (b) a district council whose area is within the area of the authority.

104B Associate members of a combined authority

- (1) A combined authority may appoint an individual to be a member (“an associate member”) of the combined authority.
- (2) The associate members of a combined authority are to be non-voting members of the authority.
- (3) This section is subject to regulations under section 104C(4) (disapplication of this section).

104C Regulations about members

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about—
 - (a) constituent members of a combined authority;
 - (b) the mayor for the area of a combined authority in the mayor’s capacity as a member of the authority;
 - (c) nominating bodies of a combined authority;
 - (d) non-constituent members of a combined authority;
 - (e) associate members of a combined authority.
- (2) The provision that may be made by regulations under subsection (1) includes, in particular, provision about—

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- (a) the cases in which a decision of a combined authority requires a majority, or a particular kind of majority, of the votes of members of a particular kind;
 - (b) the process for the designation of a nominating body or the removal of such a designation;
 - (c) the number of nominating bodies that may be designated by a combined authority;
 - (d) the number of non-constituent members that may be appointed by a combined authority;
 - (e) the appointment, disqualification, resignation or removal of a non-constituent member;
 - (f) the appointment of a substitute member to act in place of a non-constituent member;
 - (g) the maximum number of non-constituent members of a combined authority;
 - (h) the making by a nominating body of a combined authority of payments towards the costs of the authority;
 - (i) the things which may or may not be done by, or in relation to, a non-constituent member;
 - (j) the appointment, disqualification, resignation or removal of an associate member;
 - (k) the appointment of a substitute member to act in place of an associate member;
 - (l) the maximum number of associate members of a combined authority;
 - (m) the things which may or may not be done by, or in relation to, an associate member.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may confer a discretion on a combined authority to determine any matter.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide, in relation to a combined authority established by an order which came into force before the coming into force of this section—
- (a) for the relevant provisions about membership not to apply in relation to the authority, or
 - (b) for the authority to determine whether the relevant provisions about membership are to apply in relation to the authority.
- (5) In subsection (4) “the relevant provisions about membership” means—
- (a) the amendments to section 104 made by section 64(2) to (7) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023, and
 - (b) sections 104A and 104B.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (1) or (4) may make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (7) In this section “constituent member”, in relation to a combined authority, means a member of the authority (other than any mayor for the area of the authority) appointed by—
- (a) a county council the whole or any part of whose area is within the area of the authority, or

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- (b) a district council whose area is within the area of the authority.”
- (9) In section 105 (constitution of combined authority), after subsection (3) insert—
- “(3ZA) But section 92, in its application to a combined authority by virtue of subsection (3), is subject to regulations under section 104C(1) (combined authority membership).”
- (10) In section 107C (deputy mayors etc), after subsection (6) insert—
- “(6A) References in this section to a member of a combined authority do not include a non-constituent or associate member.”
- (11) In section 107D (functions of mayors: general)—
- (a) after subsection (3) insert—
- “(3A) The reference in subsection (3)(b) to a member of a combined authority does not include a non-constituent or associate member.”,
and
- (b) after subsection (4) insert—
- “(4A) An order under subsection (3)(c) must provide that the committee must not consist solely of non-constituent or associate members.”
- (12) In section 107G (mayors for combined authority areas: financial provision), after subsection (6) insert—
- “(6A) The reference in subsection (6)(b)(i) to a member of a combined authority does not include a non-constituent or associate member.”
- (13) In section 120 (interpretation), at the appropriate places insert—
- ““associate member” has the meaning given by section 104B(1);”;
““nominating body” means a body designated under section 104A(1);” and
““non-constituent member” has the meaning given by section 104A(3);”.

Commencement Information

I56 S. 64 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(h)

65 Proposal for establishment of combined authority

- (1) The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (8).
- (2) Omit sections 108 (review by authorities: new combined authority) and 109 (preparation and publication of scheme: new combined authority).
- (3) Before section 110 insert—

“109A Proposal for new combined authority

- (1) One or more authorities to which this section applies may—
- (a) prepare a proposal for the establishment of a combined authority for an area, and

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- (b) submit the proposal to the Secretary of State.
- (2) This section applies to the following authorities—
- (a) a county council the whole or any part of whose area is within the proposed area;
 - (b) a district council whose area is within the proposed area;
 - (c) an EPB the whole or any part of whose area is within the proposed area;
 - (d) an ITA the whole or any part of whose area is within the proposed area;
 - (e) a combined county authority the whole or any part of whose area is within the proposed area.
- (3) In this section—
- “combined county authority” means a combined county authority established under section 9(1) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023;
 - “the proposed area” means the area for which the combined authority is proposed to be established.
- (4) Before submitting a proposal under this section to the Secretary of State, the authority or authorities preparing the proposal must—
- (a) carry out a public consultation across the proposed area on the proposal, and
 - (b) have regard to the results of the consultation in preparing the proposal for submission to the Secretary of State.
- (5) The requirements in subsection (4) may be satisfied by things done before the coming into force of this section.
- (6) If a proposal under this section is not submitted by all of the authorities to which this section applies, each authority which does not submit the proposal must consent to its submission to the Secretary of State.
- (7) A proposal under this section must specify the purposes to be achieved by the establishment of the combined authority.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
- (a) make further provision about the matters which must be addressed by a proposal under this section;
 - (b) make provision about material which must be included in or submitted with a proposal under this section.
- (9) Regulations under subsection (8) may make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.”
- (4) Section 110 (requirements in connection with establishment of combined authority) is amended in accordance with subsections (5) to (8).
- (5) In subsection (1), for paragraph (a) substitute—
- “(a) the Secretary of State considers that to do so is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area,

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- (aa) the Secretary of State considers that to do so is appropriate having regard to the need—
 - (i) to secure effective and convenient local government, and
 - (ii) to reflect the identities and interests of local communities,
 - (ab) where a proposal for the establishment of the combined authority has been submitted under section 109A, the Secretary of State considers that its establishment will achieve the purposes specified under [subsection \(7\)](#) of that section.”.
- (6) For subsection (1A) substitute—
- “(1A) If a proposal for the establishment of the combined authority has been submitted under section 109A, the Secretary of State must have regard to the proposal in making the order.”
- (7) In subsection (2), for paragraphs (a) and (b) (and the “and” at the end of paragraph (b)) substitute—
- “(a) a proposal has been prepared under section 109A,
- (b) a public consultation has been carried out in connection with the proposal and the Secretary of State has been provided with a summary of the consultation responses, and”.
- (8) Omit subsection (4).
- (9) This section does not affect—
- (a) the operation of section 108 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 in relation to a review that began before this section came into force, or
 - (b) the operation of section 109 of that Act in relation to the preparation and publication of a scheme following such a review.
- (10) The amendments made by subsections (5) to (8) do not apply to section 110 of that Act as it has effect in relation to—
- (a) the making of an order in response to a scheme under section 109 of that Act, or
 - (b) the making of an order otherwise than in response to a scheme, where a draft of the statutory instrument containing the order was laid before Parliament before the coming into force of this section.

Commencement Information

I57 S. 65 in force at 26.12.2023, see [s. 255\(2\)\(h\)](#)

66 Proposal for changes to existing combined arrangements

- (1) The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (9).
- (2) Omit sections 111 (review by authorities: existing combined authority) and 112 (preparation and publication of scheme: existing combined authority).
- (3) Before section 113 insert—

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“112A Proposal for changes to existing combined arrangements

- (1) One or more authorities to which this section applies may—
 - (a) prepare a proposal for the making of an order under section 104, 105, 105A, 106, 107, 107A, 107D or 107F in relation to an existing combined authority, and
 - (b) submit the proposal to the Secretary of State.
- (2) This section applies to the following authorities—
 - (a) the combined authority;
 - (b) a county council the whole or any part of whose area is within the area of the combined authority;
 - (c) a district council whose area is within the area of the combined authority;
 - (d) in the case of a proposal for the making of an order under section 106 to add all or part of the area of a county council to the area of the combined authority, that county council;
 - (e) in the case of a proposal for the making of an order under section 106 to add the area of a district council to the area of the combined authority, that district council.
- (3) Before submitting a proposal under this section to the Secretary of State, the authority or authorities preparing the proposal must—
 - (a) carry out a public consultation across—
 - (i) the area of the combined authority, and
 - (ii) in the case of a proposal for the making of an order under section 106 to add a local government area to the area of the combined authority, that local government area, and
 - (b) have regard to the results of the consultation in preparing the proposal for submission to the Secretary of State.
- (4) The requirements in subsection (3) may be satisfied by things done before the coming into force of this section.
- (5) Before a proposal under this section for the making of an order is submitted to the Secretary of State, each person who would have to consent to the making of the order must consent to the submission of the proposal.
- (6) If a proposal under this section is submitted to the Secretary of State by an authority, the authority is to be treated as having consented to its submission for the purposes of [subsection \(5\)](#).
- (7) In determining for the purposes of [subsection \(5\)](#) who would have to consent to the making of an order under section 105A, subsections (3) and (4) of section 105B (limited consent requirements) are to be disregarded.
- (8) In determining for the purposes of [subsection \(5\)](#) who would have to consent to the making of an order under section 107A, section 107B(3)(b) (limited consent requirements) is to be disregarded.
- (9) A proposal under this section must specify the purposes to be achieved by the order which it proposes should be made.

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- (10) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
- (a) make further provision about the matters which must be addressed by a proposal under this section;
 - (b) make provision about material which must be included in or submitted with a proposal under this section.
- (11) Regulations under [subsection \(10\)](#) may make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.”
- (4) Section 113 (requirements in connection with changes to existing combined arrangements) is amended in accordance with [subsections \(5\) to \(9\)](#).
- (5) In subsection (1), for “106 or 107” substitute “105A, 106, 107, 107A, 107D or 107F”.
- (6) In subsection (1), for paragraph (a) (and the “and” at the end of that paragraph) substitute—
- “(a) the Secretary of State considers that to do so is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area,
 - (aa) the Secretary of State considers that to do so is appropriate having regard to the need—
 - (i) to secure effective and convenient local government, and
 - (ii) to reflect the identities and interests of local communities,
 - (ab) where a proposal for the making of the order has been submitted under section 112A, the Secretary of State considers that making the order will achieve the purposes specified under [subsection \(9\)](#) of that section, and”.
- (7) For subsection (1A) substitute—
- “(1A) If a proposal for the making of the order has been submitted under section 112A, the Secretary of State must have regard to the proposal in making the order.”
- (8) In subsection (2), for paragraphs (a) and (b) (and the “and” at the end of paragraph (b)) substitute—
- “(a) a proposal has been prepared under section 112A,
 - (b) a public consultation has been carried out in connection with the proposal and the Secretary of State has been provided with a summary of the consultation responses, and”.
- (9) Omit subsection (3).
- (10) This section does not affect—
- (a) the operation of section 111 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 in relation to a review that began before this section came into force, or
 - (b) the operation of section 112 of that Act in relation to the preparation and publication of a scheme following such a review.
- (11) The amendments made by [subsections \(5\) to \(9\)](#) do not apply to section 113 of that Act as it has effect in relation to—

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- (a) the making of an order in response to a scheme under section 112 of that Act, or
- (b) the making of an order otherwise than in response to a scheme, where a draft of the statutory instrument containing the order was laid before Parliament before the coming into force of this section.

(12) The requirement to consult under section 113(2) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, as amended by this section, may be satisfied by consultation before (as well as after) the passing of this Act.

Commencement Information

I58 S. 66 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(i\)](#)

67 Consequential amendments relating to section 65 and 66

- (1) The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 105B (section 105A orders: procedure)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), for “by the appropriate authorities,” substitute “—
 - (i) as part of a proposal under section 109A, or
 - (ii) in accordance with section 112A,” and
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), for the words from “the exercise” to the end of the paragraph substitute “the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area or areas to which the order relates”, and
 - (b) omit subsection (11).
- (3) In section 107B (requirements in connection with orders under section 107A)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for “by the appropriate authorities,” substitute “—
 - (a) as part of a proposal under section 109A, or
 - (b) in accordance with section 112A,” and
 - (b) omit subsection (2).
- (4) The amendments made by this section do not affect the operation of section 105B or 107B of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 in relation to a proposal under that section made before the coming into force of this section.

Commencement Information

I59 S. 67 in force at 26.12.2023, see [s. 255\(2\)\(j\)](#)

68 Regulations applying to combined authorities

- (1) Section 117 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (orders under Part 6) is amended as follows.

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- (2) In the heading, after “Orders” insert “and regulations”.
- (3) In subsection (1), after “Orders” insert “and regulations”.
- (4) In subsection (1A), after “An order” insert “or regulations”.
- (5) After subsection (3) insert—
 - “(3A) A statutory instrument that contains (whether alone or with any other provisions) regulations under section 104C(1), 104C(4), or 107K(1) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument containing the regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
 - (3B) A statutory instrument that—
 - (a) contains regulations under section 109A(8) or 112A(10), and
 - (b) is not by virtue of subsection (3A) subject to a requirement that a draft of the instrument be laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament,is subject to annulment by resolution of either House of Parliament.”
- (6) In subsection (4), after “Part” insert “or of regulations under section 104C(1) or (4)”.

Commencement Information

I60 S. 68 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(j)

69 Combined authorities and combined county authorities: power to borrow

In section 23 of the Local Government Act 2003 (meaning of “local authority” for the purposes of Part 1), after subsection (10) insert—

- “(10A) If a draft of a statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (5) or (8A) would, apart from this subsection, be treated for the purposes of the standing orders of either House of Parliament as a hybrid instrument, it is to proceed in that House as if it were not such an instrument.”

Commencement Information

I61 S. 69 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(j)

70 Payment of allowances to committee members

- (1) In Schedule 5A to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (combined authorities: overview and scrutiny committees and audit committees)—
 - (a) in paragraph 3(2) (power by order to make further provision about overview and scrutiny committees), after paragraph (a) insert—
 - “(aa) about the payment of allowances to members of such a committee who are members of a constituent council;”, and
 - (b) in paragraph 4(3) (power by order to make further provision about audit committees), after paragraph (b) insert—

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“(c) the payment of allowances to members of the committee who are members of a constituent council (within the meaning of paragraph 3).”

(2) In Schedule 5C to that Act (mayors for combined authority areas: police and crime commissioner functions), after paragraph 5 insert—

“5A The Secretary of State may by order make provision about the payment of allowances to members of a police and crime panel established by virtue of an order under paragraph 4 who are members of a constituent council (within the meaning of paragraph 3 of Schedule 5A).”

Commencement Information

I62 S. 70 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(j)

Local authority governance

71 Timing for changes in governance arrangements

(1) The Local Government Act 2000 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 9KC (resolution of local authority)—

(a) in subsection (4)—

(i) the words from “Resolution B is approved” to the end of the subsection become paragraph (a), and

(ii) at the end of that paragraph insert “, or

(b) subsection (4A) applies and Resolution B is passed in accordance with subsection (4E).”, and

(b) after subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) This subsection applies where Resolution B—

(a) makes a change in governance arrangements—

(i) under section 9K for the local authority to start to operate executive arrangements, or

(ii) under section 9KA for the local authority to vary its executive arrangements so that they provide for a mayor and cabinet executive, and

(b) has not been approved in a referendum held in accordance with this Chapter.

(4B) Where subsection (4A) applies, the local authority may submit a proposal to the Secretary of State for consent to pass Resolution B before the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the date Resolution A is passed.

(4C) A proposal must specify—

(a) the change in governance arrangements to be made by Resolution B, and

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- (b) how the change is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area of the local authority.
 - (4D) The Secretary of State may consent to a proposal only if the Secretary of State considers that the change in governance arrangements is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area of the local authority.
 - (4E) If the Secretary of State consents to a proposal, the local authority may pass Resolution B—
 - (a) before the end of the 5 year period beginning with the date Resolution A is passed, but
 - (b) not later than the end of the 3 year period beginning with the date consent is given.
 - (4F) The Secretary of State may by regulations make further provision about—
 - (a) the matters which must be addressed by a proposal under this section, and
 - (b) how a proposal is to be considered by the Secretary of State.”
- (3) In section 9MF (further provision with respect to referendums)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) the words from “subsection (2)” to the end of the subsection become paragraph (a), and
 - (ii) at the end of that paragraph insert “, or
 - (b) subsection (3A) applies and Referendum B is held in accordance with subsection (3E).”, and
 - (b) after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) This subsection applies if Referendum B is held under section 9M to approve a change in governance arrangements—

 - (a) under section 9K for the local authority to start to operate executive arrangements, or
 - (b) under section 9KA for the local authority to vary its executive arrangements so that they provide for a mayor and cabinet executive.
 - (3B) Where subsection (3A) applies, the local authority may submit a proposal to the Secretary of State for consent to hold Referendum B within the period of 10 years beginning with the date of Referendum A.
 - (3C) A proposal must specify—
 - (a) the change in governance arrangements that is subject to approval in Referendum B, and
 - (b) how the change is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area of the local authority.

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- (3D) The Secretary of State may consent to a proposal only if the Secretary of State considers that the change in governance arrangements is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area of the local authority.
- (3E) If the Secretary of State consents to a proposal, the local authority may hold Referendum B—
- (a) within the 10 year period beginning with the date of Referendum A, but
 - (b) not later than the end of the 3 year period beginning with the date consent is given.
- (3F) The Secretary of State may by regulations make further provision about—
- (a) the matters which must be addressed by a proposal under this section, and
 - (b) how a proposal is to be considered by the Secretary of State.”

Commencement Information

I63 S. 71 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(k\)](#)

72 Transfer of functions: changes in governance arrangements

- (1) The Local Government Act 2000 is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (5).
- (2) In section 9KC (resolution of local authority), after subsection (5) insert—
 - “(6) See sections [9NC](#) and [9ND](#) (transfer of functions: changes in governance arrangements) for further provision about when a resolution under this section may be passed.”
- (3) In section 9MB (requirement to hold and give effect to referendum)—
 - (a) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) the words from “within the period” to the end of the subsection become paragraph (a), and
 - (ii) at the end of that paragraph insert “, or
 - (b) where [paragraph \(b\)](#) of section [9ND\(7\)](#) (transfer of functions: changes in governance arrangements) applies, within the period of 28 days beginning with the day when the regulations mentioned in that subsection are amended or revoked.”, and
 - (b) after subsection (5) insert—
 - “(6) See section [9ND](#) for further provision about referendums under section 9M.”
- (4) In section 9MF (further provision with respect to referendums), after subsection (6) insert—

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“(7) See section 9ND (transfer of functions: changes in governance arrangements) for further provision about referendums under section 9MC.”

(5) After section 9NB insert—

“Transfer of functions: changes in governance arrangements

9NC Transfer of functions: changes in governance arrangements not subject to a referendum

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has made regulations under section 16 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (power to transfer etc public authority functions to certain local authorities) that provide for a function to be exercisable by a local authority,
 - (b) the local authority proposes to pass a resolution under section 9KC to make a relevant change in governance arrangements, and
 - (c) that change is not—
 - (i) subject to approval in a referendum under section 9M, or
 - (ii) required to be implemented by the local authority in accordance with section 9MF(4) (referendums under sections 9MC to 9ME).
- (2) The local authority may not pass the resolution unless the local authority complies with this section.
- (3) The local authority must notify the Secretary of State of the proposed change in governance arrangements.
- (4) Where the Secretary of State receives such a notification, the Secretary of State must consider whether, as a result of the proposed change in governance arrangements, the regulations mentioned in subsection (1)(a) should be amended or revoked (see section 17(1) of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016).
- (5) The Secretary of State must notify the local authority of the decision under subsection (4).
- (6) If the Secretary of State considers that the regulations should be amended or revoked, the local authority may not pass the resolution until the regulations have been so amended or revoked.
- (7) If the Secretary of State considers that the regulations should not be amended or revoked, the local authority may pass the resolution.
- (8) In this section—

“function” has the same meaning as in section 16 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016;

“relevant change in governance arrangements” means—

 - (a) a change under section 9K for the local authority to cease to operate executive arrangements, or

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- (b) a change under section 9KA for the local authority to vary its executive arrangements so that they provide for a leader and cabinet executive.
- (9) This section is subject to section 9KC(3) and (4) (timing of change in governance arrangements).

9ND Transfer of functions: changes in governance arrangements subject to a referendum

- (1) This section applies where—
- (a) the Secretary of State has made regulations under section 16 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (power to transfer etc public authority functions to certain local authorities) that provide for a function to be exercisable by a local authority,
 - (b) the local authority proposes to pass a resolution under section 9KC to make a relevant change in governance arrangements, and
 - (c) that change is subject to approval in a referendum under section 9M.
- (2) This section also applies where—
- (a) the Secretary of State has made regulations under section 16 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 that provide for a function to be exercisable by a local authority, and
 - (b) the local authority is required by regulations under section 9MC (referendum following petition) to hold a referendum on whether the authority should make a relevant change in governance arrangements.
- (3) The local authority may not—
- (a) hold the referendum mentioned in subsection (1)(c) or (2)(b), or
 - (b) pass a resolution which makes the proposed change in governance arrangements,
- unless the local authority complies with this section.
- (4) The local authority must notify the Secretary of State of the proposed change in governance arrangements.
- (5) Where the Secretary of State receives such a notification, the Secretary of State must consider whether, as a result of the proposed change in governance arrangements, the regulations mentioned in subsection (1)(a) or (2)(a) should be amended or revoked (see section 17(1) of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016).
- (6) The Secretary of State must notify the local authority of the decision under subsection (5).
- (7) If the Secretary of State considers that the regulations should be amended or revoked—
- (a) the local authority may hold the referendum mentioned in subsection (1)(c) or (2)(b), but
 - (b) if the result of the referendum is to approve the proposals, the local authority may not pass a resolution which makes the proposed change in governance arrangements until the regulations have been so amended or revoked.

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- (8) If the Secretary of State considers that the regulations should not be amended or revoked, the local authority may hold the referendum mentioned in subsection (1)(c) or (2)(b) and (if the result of the referendum is to approve the proposals) pass the resolution.
- (9) In this section “function” and “relevant change in governance arrangements” have the same meaning as in section 9NC.
- (10) This section is subject to sections 9KC(3) and (4), 9MB and 9MF (timing of change in governance arrangements etc).”
- (6) In section 17 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (section 16: procedure etc)—
- (a) in subsection (1)—
- (i) omit the “and” at the end of paragraph (a), and
- (ii) after paragraph (b) insert “, and
- (c) where subsection (4A) applies to the regulations, the Secretary of State has had regard to the matters in subsection (4B).”, and
- (b) after subsection (4) insert—
- “(4A) This subsection applies to regulations under section 16 that—
- (a) revoke or otherwise amend previous regulations under that section, and
- (b) are made in response to a notification from a local authority under section 9NC(3) or 9ND(4) of the Local Government Act 2000 (transfer of functions: changes in governance arrangements) of a proposed change in governance arrangements.
- (4B) The matters mentioned in subsection (1)(c) are—
- (a) the circumstances of the area of the local authority, and
- (b) the likely impact of the change in governance arrangements on—
- (i) the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work in the area of the local authority, and
- (ii) the accountability and decision-making of the local authority.”

Commencement Information

I64 S. 72 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(k\)](#)

73 Power to transfer etc public authority functions to certain local authorities

In section 17 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (procedure for making regulations under section 16)—

- (a) in subsection (1)(b), for “the exercise of statutory functions” substitute “the economic, social and environmental well-being of some or all of the people who live or work”, and

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(b) before subsection (5) insert—

“(4C) The requirement in subsection (1)(b) does not apply to the making of regulations under section 16 where subsection (4A) applies to those regulations.”

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I65 S. 73 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(l)

Police and crime commissioners and the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime

74 Participation of police and crime commissioners at certain local authority committees

In section 102(9) of the Local Government Act 1972 (appointment of committees), for “to which the commissioner is appointed in accordance with this section”, substitute “described in subsection (6)”.

Commencement Information

I66 S. 74 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(l)

PROSPECTIVE

75 Disposal of land

In section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (disposal of land by principal councils), after subsection (2B) insert—

“(2C) Police and crime commissioners and the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime are to be treated as principal councils for the purposes of this section.”

Commencement Information

I67 S. 75 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 255(2)(m)

Alternative mayoral titles

76 Combined authorities: alternative mayoral titles

After section 107G of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 insert—

“107H Alternative mayoral titles: new mayoral combined authorities

(1) This section applies to a mayoral combined authority where the order made under section 107A (power to provide for election of mayor) in relation to the

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authority comes into force on or after the date on which this section comes into force.

- (2) At the first meeting of the authority after the order made under section 107A comes into force, the authority must, by a resolution in accordance with subsection (4)—
- (a) provide that the mayor for the area of the authority is to be known by the title of mayor, or
 - (b) change the title by which the mayor for the area of the authority is to be known to an alternative title mentioned in subsection (3).
- (3) The alternative titles are—
- (a) county commissioner;
 - (b) county governor;
 - (c) elected leader;
 - (d) governor;
 - (e) a title that the authority considers more appropriate than the alternative titles mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d), having regard to the title of other public office holders in the area of the authority.
- (4) The following requirements must be met in relation to the resolution mentioned in subsection (2)—
- (a) particulars of the resolution must be included in the notice of the meeting,
 - (b) where the resolution includes a proposed alternative title mentioned in subsection (3)(e), the resolution must specify why the authority considers that the title is more appropriate than the other alternative titles mentioned in subsection (3), and
 - (c) the resolution must be passed at the meeting by a simple majority of the members of the authority who vote on it.
- (5) Subsections (6) and (7) apply where under this section a mayoral combined authority changes the title by which the mayor for the area of the authority is to be known to an alternative title.
- (6) The authority must—
- (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the authority in such manner as the authority considers appropriate, and
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (7) Where this subsection applies—
- (a) a reference in any enactment (whenever passed or made) to the mayor for the area of the authority is, unless the context otherwise requires, to be read as a reference to the alternative title by which the mayor is to be known, and
 - (b) references to mayor, mayoral (except in the expression “mayoral combined authority”) and deputy mayor are to be construed accordingly.

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- (8) A change of title under this section does not affect the rights or obligations of any person or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of title.
- (9) In this section a reference to a member of a combined authority does not include a non-constituent member.
- (10) In this section “enactment”—
 - (a) includes an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978, but
 - (b) does not include this section or sections 107I and 107J.

107I Alternative mayoral titles: existing mayoral combined authorities

- (1) This section applies to a mayoral combined authority where the order made under section 107A (power to provide for election of mayor) in relation to the authority comes into force before the date on which this section comes into force.
- (2) The authority may, by a resolution in accordance with subsection (3), change the title by which the mayor for the area of the authority is to be known to one of the following alternative titles—
 - (a) county commissioner;
 - (b) county governor;
 - (c) elected leader;
 - (d) governor;
 - (e) a title that the authority considers more appropriate than the alternative titles mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d), having regard to the title of other public office holders in the area of the authority.
- (3) The following requirements must be met in relation to the resolution—
 - (a) the resolution must be considered at the first meeting of the authority held after a qualifying election for the return of the mayor,
 - (b) particulars of the resolution must be included in the notice of the meeting,
 - (c) where the resolution includes a proposed alternative title mentioned in subsection (2)(e), the resolution must specify why the authority considers that the title is more appropriate than the other alternative titles mentioned in subsection (2), and
 - (d) the resolution must be passed at the meeting by a simple majority of the members of the authority who vote on it.
- (4) Subsections (5) and (6) apply where under this section a mayoral combined authority changes the title by which the mayor for the area of the authority is to be known to an alternative title.
- (5) The authority must—
 - (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the authority in such manner as the authority considers appropriate, and
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.

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- (6) Where this subsection applies—
- (a) a reference in any enactment (whenever passed or made) to the mayor for the area of the authority is, unless the context otherwise requires, to be read as a reference to the alternative title by which the mayor is to be known, and
 - (b) references to mayor, mayoral (except in the expression “mayoral combined authority”) and deputy mayor are to be construed accordingly.
- (7) A change of title under this section does not affect the rights or obligations of any person or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of title.
- (8) In this section a reference to a member of a combined authority does not include a non-constituent member.
- (9) In this section—
- “enactment” has the same meaning as in section 107H;
 - “qualifying election” means an election for the return of the mayor, other than—
- (a) the first election for the return of the mayor, and
 - (b) an election caused by a vacancy in the office of the mayor occurring before expiry of the mayor’s term of office.
- (10) This section is subject to section 107J.

107J Alternative mayoral titles: further changes

- (1) This section applies where a mayoral combined authority has—
- (a) by a resolution under section 107H or 107I or by a previous resolution under this section, changed the title by which the mayor for the area of the authority is to be known to an alternative title,
 - (b) by a resolution under section 107H, provided that the mayor for the area of the authority is to be known by the title of mayor, or
 - (c) by a previous resolution under this section, provided that the mayor for the area of the authority is no longer to be known by an alternative title.
- (2) The authority may, by a resolution in accordance with subsection (4)—
- (a) in a subsection (1)(a) case—
 - (i) provide that the mayor is no longer to be known by the alternative title, or
 - (ii) change the title by which the mayor is to be known to an alternative title mentioned in subsection (3);
 - (b) in a subsection (1)(b) or (c) case, change the title by which the mayor is to be known to an alternative title mentioned in subsection (3).
- (3) The alternative titles are—
- (a) county commissioner;
 - (b) county governor;
 - (c) elected leader;
 - (d) governor;

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- (e) a title that the authority considers more appropriate than the alternative titles mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d), having regard to the title of other public office holders in the area of the authority.
- (4) The following requirements must be met in relation to the resolution mentioned in subsection (2)—
- (a) the resolution must be considered at a relevant meeting of the authority,
 - (b) particulars of the resolution must be included in the notice of the meeting,
 - (c) where the resolution includes a proposed alternative title mentioned in subsection (3)(e), the resolution must specify why the authority considers that the title is more appropriate than the other alternative titles mentioned in subsection (3), and
 - (d) the resolution must be passed at the meeting by a simple majority of the members of the authority who vote on it.
- (5) In subsection (4)(a) “relevant meeting” means the first meeting of the authority held after a qualifying election for the return of the mayor, provided that the election is at least the third qualifying election since the resolution mentioned in subsection (1) was passed.
- (6) Where under this section an authority provides that the mayor for the area of the authority is no longer to be known by an alternative title, the authority must—
- (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the authority in such manner as the authority considers appropriate, and
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (7) Subsections (8) and (9) apply where under this section an authority changes the title by which the mayor for the area of the authority is to be known to an alternative title.
- (8) The authority must—
- (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the authority in such manner as the authority considers appropriate, and
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (9) Where this subsection applies—
- (a) a reference in any enactment (whenever passed or made) to the mayor for the area of the authority is, unless the context otherwise requires, to be read as a reference to the alternative title by which the mayor is to be known, and
 - (b) references to mayor, mayoral (except in the expression “mayoral combined authority”) and deputy mayor are to be construed accordingly.
- (10) A change of title under this section does not affect the rights or obligations of any person, or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of title.

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- (11) Where a combined authority to which section 107H applies does not pass a resolution as required by subsection (2) of that section, the authority is to be treated for the purposes of this section as if, at the meeting mentioned in that subsection, it had passed the resolution mentioned in section 107H(2)(a) (providing that the mayor is to be known by the title of mayor).
- (12) In this section a reference to a member of a combined authority does not include a non-constituent member.
- (13) In this section—
 - “enactment” has the same meaning as in section 107H;
 - “qualifying election” has the same meaning as in section 107I.

107K Power to amend list of alternative titles

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend section 107H(3), 107I(2) or 107J(3) to add, modify or remove a reference to an alternative title or a description of an alternative title.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision, including provision which makes consequential amendments to section 107H, 107I or 107J.”

Commencement Information

I68 S. 76 in force at 26.12.2023, see s. 255(2)(n)

77 Local authorities in England: alternative mayoral titles

- (1) The Local Government Act 2000 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 9HE insert—

“9HF Alternative mayoral titles

- (1) A local authority within subsection (8) may, by a resolution in accordance with subsection (2), change the title by which the elected mayor of the authority is to be known to one of the following alternative titles—
 - (a) county commissioner;
 - (b) county governor;
 - (c) elected leader;
 - (d) governor;
 - (e) a title that the authority considers more appropriate than the alternative titles mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d), having regard to the title of other public office holders in the area of the authority.
- (2) The following requirements must be met in relation to the resolution—
 - (a) the resolution must be considered at a relevant meeting of the authority,
 - (b) particulars of the resolution must be included in the notice of the meeting,

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- (c) where the resolution includes a proposed alternative title mentioned in subsection (1)(e), the resolution must specify why the authority considers that the title is more appropriate than the other alternative titles mentioned in subsection (1), and
 - (d) the resolution must be passed at the meeting by a simple majority of the members of the authority who vote on it.
- (3) In subsection (2)(a) “relevant meeting” means—
 - (a) in the case of a local authority within subsection (8)(a), the first meeting of the authority held after a qualifying election for the return of the elected mayor,
 - (b) in the case of a local authority within subsection (8)(b), the meeting of the authority at which the resolution under section 9KC (resolution of local authority) is passed, and
 - (c) in the case of a local authority within subsection (8)(c), the first meeting of the authority held after the referendum mentioned in section 9N is held.
- (4) Subsections (5) and (6) apply where under this section a local authority changes the title by which the elected mayor of the authority is to be known to an alternative title.
- (5) The authority must—
 - (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the authority in such manner as the authority considers appropriate, and
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (6) Where this subsection applies—
 - (a) a reference in any enactment (whenever passed or made) to the elected mayor of the authority is, unless the context otherwise requires, to be read as a reference to the alternative title by which the elected mayor is to be known, and
 - (b) references to mayor, mayoral and deputy mayor are to be construed accordingly.
- (7) A change of title under this section does not affect the rights or obligations of any person or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of title.
- (8) A local authority is within this subsection if—
 - (a) it operates a mayor and cabinet executive,
 - (b) it passes a resolution in accordance with section 9KC (resolution of local authority) to make a change in governance arrangements which provides for the authority to operate a mayor and cabinet executive, or
 - (c) it holds a referendum by virtue of an order under section 9N (referendum on change to mayor and cabinet executive) and the proposal for the authority to operate a mayor and cabinet executive is approved in that referendum.

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- (9) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend subsection (1) to add, modify or remove a reference to an alternative title or a description of an alternative title.
- (10) In this section—
- “enactment”—
 - (a) includes an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978, but
 - (b) does not include this section or section 9HG;
 - “qualifying election” means an election for the return of the elected mayor, other than—
 - (a) the first election for the return of the elected mayor, and
 - (b) an election caused by a vacancy in the office of the elected mayor occurring before expiry of the elected mayor’s term of office.
- (11) This section is subject to section 9HG.

9HG Alternative mayoral titles: further changes

- (1) This section applies where a local authority has—
- (a) by a resolution under section 9HF or by a previous resolution under this section, changed the title by which the elected mayor of the authority is to be known to an alternative title, or
 - (b) by a previous resolution under this section, provided that the elected mayor of the authority is no longer to be known by an alternative title.
- (2) The authority may, by a resolution in accordance with subsection (4)—
- (a) in a subsection (1)(a) case—
 - (i) provide that the elected mayor is no longer to be known by the alternative title, or
 - (ii) change the title by which the elected mayor is to be known to an alternative title mentioned in subsection (3);
 - (b) in a subsection (1)(b) case, change the title by which the elected mayor is to be known to an alternative title mentioned in subsection (3).
- (3) The alternative titles are—
- (a) county commissioner;
 - (b) county governor;
 - (c) elected leader;
 - (d) governor;
 - (e) a title that the authority considers more appropriate than the alternative titles mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d), having regard to the title of other public office holders in the area of the authority.
- (4) The following requirements must be met in relation to the resolution mentioned in subsection (2)—
- (a) the resolution must be considered at a relevant meeting of the authority,

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- (b) particulars of the resolution must be included in the notice of the meeting,
 - (c) where the resolution includes a proposed alternative title mentioned in subsection (3)(e), the resolution must specify why the authority considers that the title is more appropriate than the other alternative titles mentioned in subsection (3), and
 - (d) the resolution must be passed at the meeting by a simple majority of the members of the authority who vote on it.
- (5) In subsection (4)(a) “relevant meeting” means the first meeting of the authority held after a qualifying election for the return of the elected mayor, provided that the election is at least the third qualifying election since the resolution mentioned in subsection (1) was passed.
- (6) Where under this section a local authority provides that the elected mayor of the authority is no longer to be known by an alternative title, the authority must—
- (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the authority in such manner as the authority considers appropriate, and
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (7) Subsections (8) and (9) apply where under this section a local authority changes the title by which the elected mayor of the authority is to be known to an alternative title.
- (8) The authority must—
- (a) send notice of the change to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) publish the notice in the area of the authority in such manner as the authority considers appropriate, and
 - (c) publish the notice in such other manner as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (9) Where this subsection applies—
- (a) a reference in any enactment (whenever passed or made) to the elected mayor of the authority is, unless the context otherwise requires, to be read as a reference to the alternative title by which the elected mayor is to be known, and
 - (b) references to mayor, mayoral and deputy mayor are to be construed accordingly.
- (10) A change of title under this section does not affect the rights or obligations of any person, or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of title.
- (11) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend subsection (3) to add, modify or remove a reference to an alternative title or a description of an alternative title.
- (12) In this section “enactment” and “qualifying election” have the same meaning as in section 9HF.”

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(3) In section 105(6) (orders and regulations), after “9HE,” insert “9HF(9), 9HG(11),”.

Commencement Information

I69 S. 77 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(o\)](#)

Local government capital finance

78 Capital finance risk management

- (1) The Local Government Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 12 (power to invest) insert—

“Risk management: England

12A Risk-mitigation directions

- (1) The Secretary of State may give one or more risk-mitigation directions to a local authority in England, for the purpose of reducing or mitigating the financial risk to the authority, if—
 - (a) a trigger event has occurred in relation to the local authority, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State is satisfied that the direction is, or (as the case may be) directions are, appropriate and proportionate to the level of that financial risk.
- (2) A “trigger event” occurs if (and when)—
 - (a) a risk threshold is breached by the local authority (see [section 12B](#));
 - (b) a report is made by the chief finance officer of the local authority under section 114(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (report to effect that authority’s expenditure is likely to exceed available resources); or
 - (c) the Secretary of State—
 - (i) gives a direction under section 16(2)(b) (request for expenditure to be, or not be, treated as capital) in respect of the local authority, or
 - (ii) makes a grant to the local authority under an enactment, for the purpose of preventing circumstances arising that would require such a report to be made.
- (3) The following are “risk-mitigation directions”—
 - (a) a direction that sets limits in relation to the borrowing of money by the local authority;
 - (b) a direction that requires the local authority to take action specified in the direction.
- (4) A direction under [subsection \(3\)\(a\)](#)—
 - (a) may set different limits in relation to different kinds of borrowing;
 - (b) must specify the period for which any limit has effect.

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- (5) A direction under [subsection \(3\)\(b\)](#)—
- (a) may (amongst other things) require the local authority to take action to divest itself of a specified asset;
 - (b) must specify the time by which any specified action must be taken.
- (6) In deciding whether or not to exercise a power to give a direction under this section, the Secretary of State must have regard to—
- (a) the likely impact of the direction on the provision of services to the public by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - (b) the duty imposed on the local authority by section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 1999 (best value duty).
- (7) In deciding whether or not to exercise a power to give a direction under this section, the Secretary of State may, in particular, take account of the likely impact of that decision on the implementation of any central government policy, project or programme.
- (8) The Secretary of State may not give a risk-mitigation direction unless the Secretary of State—
- (a) has given the local authority notice of the proposed direction, and of the right of the local authority to make written representations to the Secretary of State about it within the period specified in the notice, and
 - (b) has considered any representations made by the local authority to the Secretary of State within that period.
- (9) In this section, “financial risk”, in relation to a local authority, means the risk that the expenditure of the local authority (including expenditure it proposes to incur) in the current or any future financial year is likely to exceed, or further exceed, the resources (including sums borrowed) available to it to meet that expenditure.
- (10) This section is subject to [section 12C](#) (restriction of power to give risk-mitigation directions).

12B Risk thresholds

- (1) For the purposes of [section 12A\(2\)\(a\)](#), a risk threshold is breached by a local authority in England if (and when) a capital risk metric for the local authority breaches the specified threshold for that metric.
- (2) Each of the following is a “capital risk metric”—
- (a) the total of a local authority’s debt (including credit arrangements) as compared to the financial resources at the disposal of the authority;
 - (b) the proportion of the total of a local authority’s capital assets which is investments made, or held, wholly or mainly in order to generate financial return;
 - (c) the proportion of the total of a local authority’s debt (including credit arrangements) in relation to which the counter-party is not central government or a local authority;
 - (d) the amount of minimum revenue provision charged by a local authority to a revenue account for a financial year;

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- (e) any other metric specified by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, make further provision—
- (a) specifying whether the specified threshold for a particular metric is breached by a failure to reach that threshold or by that threshold being exceeded;
 - (b) about how the metrics specified in, or under, [subsection \(2\)](#) are to be calculated for the purpose of determining whether the specified threshold for that metric has been breached.
- (4) Before making regulations under [subsection \(2\)\(e\)](#), the Secretary of State must consult all local authorities in England.
- (5) In this section—
- “capital asset” has the meaning given by section 9;
 - “minimum revenue provision” has the meaning given by regulation 27 of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting)(England) Regulations 2003 ([S.I. 2003/3146](#));
 - “specified” means specified, or determined in a manner specified, in regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (6) Regulations may require a specified threshold to be determined having regard to guidance issued under section 21(1A) (accounting practices).

12C Restriction of power to give risk-mitigation directions

- (1) If, after the power to give risk-mitigation directions becomes exercisable under [section 12A\(1\)](#) in relation to a local authority—
- (a) at least 12 months have elapsed since the Secretary of State last became aware of a trigger event having occurred in relation to the authority,
 - (b) any risk-mitigation direction given to the authority has been complied with or revoked, and
 - (c) the Secretary of State is satisfied no further risk-mitigation direction is likely to be required in the foreseeable future for the purpose of reducing or mitigating the financial risk to the authority,
- the Secretary of State must give the local authority a notice to that effect (“a cessation notice”).
- (2) Where a cessation notice is given, the power conferred by [section 12A\(1\)](#) is no longer exercisable, in relation to that authority, by reason of any trigger event of which the Secretary of State was aware at the time that notice was given.
- (3) In this section “risk-mitigation direction”, “trigger event” and “financial risk” have the same meaning as in [section 12A](#).

12D Duty to cooperate with independent expert

- (1) This section applies where—
- (a) a trigger event has occurred in relation to a local authority in England,

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- (b) [section 12C\(2\)](#) does not apply to prevent the power conferred by [section 12A\(1\)](#) being exercisable, in relation to that authority, by reason of that event, and
 - (c) the Secretary of State has appointed an independent expert to review the level of the financial risk to the local authority.
- (2) The local authority must, so far as reasonably practicable, co-operate with the independent expert in any way that the independent expert considers necessary or expedient for the purposes of the conduct of the review.
- (3) In this section—
- “financial risk” has the same meaning as in [section 12A](#);
 - “independent expert” means a person—
 - (a) who is independent of the local authority and the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) who has relevant experience or knowledge which is relevant to the matter in question;
 - “trigger event” has the same meaning as in [section 12A](#).”
- (3) In section 2 (control of borrowing), in subsection (1)—
- (a) after paragraph (b) insert “, or”, and
 - (b) after that paragraph insert—
 - “(c) any limit for the time being applicable to it under section 12A.”
- (4) In section 5 (temporary borrowing)—
- (a) in subsection (1), after “section 4” insert “or 12A”, and
 - (b) in subsection (2), after “section 4(2)” insert “or 12A”.
- (5) In section 8 (control of credit arrangements), in subsection (1)—
- (a) after paragraph (b) insert “, or”, and
 - (b) after that paragraph insert—
 - “(c) any limit for the time being applicable to it under section 12A.”
- (6) In section 12 (power to invest), at the end insert—
- “This is subject to a direction under section 12A (risk-mitigation directions).”
- (7) In section 19 (application to parish and community councils), in subsection (1) for “9 to 13” substitute “9 to 12, 13”.
- (8) In section 23 (meaning of “local authority” in Chapter 3 of Part 1), in subsection (4), after “1 to 8,” insert “[12A to 12D](#),”.

Commencement Information

I70 S. 78 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(p\)](#)

I71 S. 78 in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/92](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#)

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Council tax

79 Long-term empty dwellings: England

- (1) In section 11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (higher amount for long-term empty dwellings: England)—
 - (a) after subsection (1C) insert—

“(1D) In exercising its functions under this section a billing authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.”;
 - (b) in subsection (8), for “2 years” substitute “1 year”.
- (2) The amendments made by [subsection \(1\)](#) have effect for financial years beginning on or after 1 April 2024 (and, in relation to the amendment made by [subsection \(1\)\(b\)](#), it does not matter whether the period mentioned in section 11B(8) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 begins before [this section](#) comes into force).

Commencement Information

I72 S. 79 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(q\)](#)

80 Dwellings occupied periodically: England

- (1) The Local Government Finance Act 1992 is amended in accordance with [subsections \(2\)](#) and [\(3\)](#).
- (2) After section 11B (higher amount for long-term empty dwellings: England) insert—

“11C Higher amount for dwellings occupied periodically: England

- (1) For any financial year, a billing authority in England may by determination provide in relation to its area, or such part of its area as it may specify in the determination, that if on any day the conditions mentioned in [subsection \(2\)](#) are satisfied in respect of a dwelling—
 - (a) the discount under section 11(2)(a) does not apply, and
 - (b) the amount of council tax payable in respect of that dwelling and that day is increased by such percentage of not more than 100 as it may specify in the determination.
- (2) The conditions are—
 - (a) there is no resident of the dwelling, and
 - (b) the dwelling is substantially furnished.
- (3) A billing authority’s first determination under this section must be made at least one year before the beginning of the financial year to which it relates.
- (4) In exercising its functions under this section a billing authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- (5) Where a determination under this section has effect in relation to a class of dwellings—
 - (a) the billing authority may not make a determination under section 11A(3), (4) or (4A) in relation to that class, and

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- (b) any determination that has been made under section 11A(3), (4) or (4A) ceases to have effect in relation to that class.
- (6) A billing authority may make a determination varying or revoking a determination under this section for a financial year, but only before the beginning of the year.
- (7) Where a billing authority makes a determination under this section it must publish a notice of the determination in at least one newspaper circulating in the area.
- (8) The notice must be published before the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the date of the determination.
- (9) The validity of the determination is not affected by a failure to comply with [subsection \(7\)](#) or [\(8\)](#).

11D Section 11C: regulations

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe one or more classes of dwelling in relation to which a billing authority may not make a determination under [section 11C](#).
 - (2) A class of dwellings may be prescribed under [subsection \(1\)](#) by reference to such factors as the Secretary of State thinks fit and may, amongst other factors, be prescribed by reference to—
 - (a) the physical characteristics of, or other matters relating to, dwellings;
 - (b) the circumstances of, or other matters relating to, any person who is liable to the amount of council tax concerned.
 - (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations specify a different percentage limit for the limit which is for the time being specified in [section 11C\(1\)\(b\)](#).
 - (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations made under [subsection \(3\)](#) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been approved by resolution of the House of Commons.”
- (3) In consequence of the amendment made by subsection (2)—
- (a) in section 11 (discounts), in subsection (2), after “11B” insert “, 11C”;
 - (b) in section 11A (discounts: special provision for England), in subsection (4C), at the end insert “and 11C(5)”;
 - (c) in section 13 (reduced amounts), in subsection (3), after “11B” insert “, 11C”;
 - (d) in section 66 (judicial review), in subsection (2)(b), after “11B” insert “, 11C”;
 - (e) in section 67 (functions to be discharged only by authority), in subsection (2) (a), after “11B” insert “, 11C”;
 - (f) in section 113 (orders and regulations), in subsection (3), after “under section” insert “11D(3),”;
 - (g) in Schedule 2 (administration), in paragraph 4(7), after “: England,” insert “11C(1)(b) (higher amount for dwellings occupied periodically: England),”.
- (4) A determination for the purposes of section 11C of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as inserted by [subsection \(2\)](#) may not relate to a financial year beginning before 1 April 2024 (but this does not affect the requirement for the determination to be made at least one year before the beginning of the financial year to which it relates).

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I73 S. 80 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(q\)](#)

Street names

81 Alteration of street names: England

- (1) In this section “local authority” means—
 - (a) a district council in England;
 - (b) a county council in England for an area for which there is no district council;
 - (c) a London borough council;
 - (d) the Common Council of the City of London.
- (2) A local authority within [subsection \(1\)\(a\)](#) or [\(b\)](#) may, by order, alter the name of a street, or any part of a street, in its area if the alteration has the necessary support.
- (3) Where a local authority has altered the name of a street, or any part of a street, under [subsection \(2\)](#), it may cause the altered name to be painted or otherwise marked on a conspicuous part of any building or other erection.
- (4) Any person who then wilfully, and without the consent of the local authority, obliterates, defaces, obscures, removes or alters the altered name painted or otherwise marked under [subsection \(3\)](#) is liable to a penalty not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.
- (5) A local authority within [subsection \(1\)\(c\)](#) or [\(d\)](#) may exercise the power conferred by section 6(1) of the London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939 (assigning of names to streets etc) to make an order altering the name of a street, or any part of a street, in its area only if the alteration has the necessary support.
- (6) An alteration has the necessary support for the purposes of this section only if—
 - (a) it has sufficient local support, and
 - (b) where it is an alteration of a specified kind, it has any other support specified as a pre-condition for alterations of that kind.
- (7) Regulations may provide that sufficient local support, or support of a kind specified under [subsection \(6\)\(b\)](#), can only be established in the way, or in one of the alternative ways, specified in the regulations.
- (8) Regulations under [subsection \(7\)](#) may (amongst other things)—
 - (a) make provision enabling a referendum to be held by a local authority, on a question determined by it in accordance with the regulations, for the purposes of establishing whether an alteration has sufficient local support, including provision about the conduct and timing of a referendum and who is entitled to vote;
 - (b) provide that, where a local authority holds a referendum in accordance with regulations made by virtue of [paragraph \(a\)](#), the alteration may not be made unless one or both of the following apply—
 - (i) a specified percentage or number of those entitled to vote in the referendum exercise that right;

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- (ii) a specified majority of those who vote indicate their support for the alteration;
- (c) provide that, where a local authority has run a process (“the first process”) for the purposes of this section which failed to establish that an alteration of the name of a street (or a part of a street) had sufficient local support, the local authority may not run another such process within a specified period in respect of—
 - (i) if the first process related to the name of a whole street, an alteration of the name of the same street or any part of it;
 - (ii) if the first process related to the name of a part of a street (“the original part”), an alteration of the name of the whole street, of the original part or of any other part which includes some or all of the original part.
- (9) A local authority must have regard to any guidance published by the Secretary of State about—
 - (a) the things to be done before a local authority decides to take steps to establish if an alteration has the necessary support for the purposes of this section;
 - (b) the exercise of other functions conferred on a local authority by or under this section.
- (10) No local Act operates to enable a local authority within [subsection \(1\)\(a\)](#) or [\(b\)](#) to alter the name of a street, or part of a street, in its area.
- (11) In this section—
 - “regulations” means regulations made by the Secretary of State;
 - “specified” means specified in regulations;
 - “street” has the meaning given by section 48(1) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991.
- (12) [Schedule 5](#) contains amendments which are consequential on this section.

Commencement Information

I74 S. 81 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(2\)\(r\)](#)

I75 S. 81 in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/92](#), [reg. 2\(b\)](#)

Other provision

82 Powers of parish councils

After section 19 of the Local Government Act 1894 (provisions as to small parishes), insert—

“19A Powers under other enactments

- (1) Nothing in this Part affects any powers, duties or liabilities conferred on a parish council by or under any other enactment (whenever passed or made).
- (2) This section does not apply in relation to community councils (see section 179(4) of the Local Government Act 1972).”

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I76 [S. 82](#) in force at 26.12.2023, see [s. 255\(2\)\(s\)](#)

83 The Common Council of the City of London: removal of voting restrictions

- (1) In section 618 of the Housing Act 1985 (the Common Council of the City of London), omit subsections (3) and (4).
- (2) In section 224 of the Housing Act 1996 (the Common Council of the City of London), omit subsections (3) and (4).

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I77 [S. 83](#) in force at 26.12.2023, see [s. 255\(2\)\(s\)](#)

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