

**1999 No. 2169 (C. 53)**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES**

**The Local Government Act 1999 (Commencement No. 1)  
Order 1999**

*Made* - - - -

*28th July 1999*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 27(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1999<sup>(a)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Government Act 1999 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1999.

(2) In this Order “the Act” means the Local Government Act 1999.

**Provisions coming into force on 10th August 1999**

2.—(1) Sections 1(1)(d), (e), (4)(a) and (b) and 17 of the Act shall come into force in relation to England and Wales on 10th August 1999.

(2) The provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order (which relate to the matters specified in column 2 of that Schedule) shall come into force on 10th August 1999—

- (a) in relation to England;
- (b) in relation to Wales in so far as those provisions relate to an authority falling within section 1(1)(d) or (e) of the Act.

**Provisions coming into force on 27th September 1999**

3.—(1) Sections 16, 18 and 24(1) of the Act shall come into force in relation to England and Wales on 27th September 1999.

(2) The provisions of the Act as specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order (which relate to the matters specified in column 2 of that Schedule) shall come into force on 27th September 1999—

- (a) in relation to England;
- (b) in relation to Wales in so far as those provisions relate to an authority falling within section 1(1)(d) or (e) of the Act.

**Provisions coming into force on 1st April 2000**

4.—(1) Sections 14 and 24(2) and (3) of the Act shall come into force in relation to England and Wales on 1st April 2000.

(2) The provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of Schedule 3 to this Order (which relate to matters specified in column 2 of that Schedule) shall come into force on 1st April 2000—

- (a) in relation to England;
- (b) in relation to Wales in so far as those provisions relate to an authority falling within section 1(1)(d) or (e) of the Act.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

28th July 1999

*Hilary Armstrong*  
Minister of State,  
Department of the Environment,  
Transport and the Regions

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(2)

## PROVISIONS COMING INTO FORCE ON 10TH AUGUST 1999

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Subject matter of provisions</i>
Section 1(1)(a), (b), (c), (g), (h), (2)(a), (b) and (c) and (5)	Best value authorities: definition.
Section 3(2), (3) and (4)	The general duty: consultation, definition of “representatives”, and guidance.
Section 4(3) and (4)	Performance indicators and standards: consultation and specification requirements.
Section 12(4)	Fees: consultation.
Section 23(4)	Accounts: consultation.
Section 26(2)(c), (3) and (4)	Guidance: consultation requirements.

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## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3(2)

## PROVISIONS COMING INTO FORCE ON 27TH SEPTEMBER 1999

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Subject matter of provisions</i>
Section 2 except subsection (4)	Power to extend or disapply.
Section 4(1) and (2)	Performance indicators and standards: orders.
Section 5(2), (4), (5), (6) and (7)	Best value reviews: orders and guidance.
Section 6	Best value performance plans.
Section 8(2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7)	Code of practice and fees: preparation by the Audit Commission of code of practice and prescription of fees.
Section 10(4) for the purposes of the issue of guidance by the Secretary of State	Inspections: guidance.
Section 12(1)	Fees: prescription of fees by the Audit Commission.
Section 15(7) and (8)	Secretary of State’s powers: Regulations.
Section 19	Contracts: exclusion of non-commercial considerations.
Section 20	Publication of information.
Section 22	Audit Commission.
Section 23, except subsection (4)	Accounts.
Section 25	Coordination of inspections, &c.
Section 26(1) and (2)(a), (b) and (d)	Guidance: general.

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SCHEDULE 3

Article 4(2)

PROVISIONS COMING INTO FORCE ON 1ST APRIL 2000

<i>(1)</i> <i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Subject matter of provisions</i>
Section 3(1)	The general duty
Section 4(5)	Best value authorities' duty to meet performance standards.
Section 5(1) and (3)	Best value authorities' obligation to conduct reviews.
Section 7	Audit of best value performance plans.
Section 8(1)	Auditor's obligation to have regard to any code of practice issued under section 8.
Section 9	Response to audit.
Section 10(1), (2), (3) and (4) so far as not already in force	Best value inspections by the Audit Commission.
Section 11	Inspectors' powers and duties.
Section 12(2) and (3)	Fees payable for best value inspections.
Section 13	Inspection reports.
Section 15 except subsections (7) and (8)	Secretary of State's powers: Enforcement.

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