STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 3056

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2000

Electronic communication of final decision on amount of Housing Revenue Account subsidy

2. In section 80A of the 1989 Act (final decision on amount of Housing Revenue Account subsidy)(1) after subsection (1), insert the following subsections—

"(1A) Notification in writing of a decision under this section is to be taken as given to a local housing authority where notice of the decision is sent using electronic communications to such address as may for the time being be notified by that authority to the Secretary of State for that purpose.

(1B) Notification in writing of a decision under this section is also to be treated as given to a local housing authority where—

- (a) the Secretary of State and that authority have agreed that notifications of decisions under this section required to be given in writing to that authority may instead be accessed by that authority on a web site;
- (b) the decision is a decision to which that agreement applies;
- (c) the Secretary of State has published the decision on a web site;
- (d) that authority is notified, in a manner for the time being agreed for the purpose between it and the Secretary of State, of—
 - (i) the publication of the decision on a web site;
 - (ii) the address of that web site; and
 - (iii) the place on that web site where the notice may be accessed, and how it may be accessed.

(1C) A local housing authority which is no longer willing to accept electronic communications for the notification of decisions under this section, may withdraw a notification of an address given to the Secretary of State for the purposes of subsection (1A) above, and such a withdrawal shall take effect on a date specified by the authority being a date no less than one month after the date on which the authority informs the Secretary of State that it wants to withdraw the notification of the address given.

(1D) A local housing authority which has entered into an agreement with the Secretary of State under paragraph (a) of subsection (1B) above may revoke the agreement, and such a revocation shall take effect on a date specified by the authority being a date no less than one month after the date on which the authority informs the Secretary of State that it wants to revoke the agreement."

(1) Section 80A was inserted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 18 to the Housing Act 1996 (1996 c. 52).