

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE HOUSING AND REGENERATION ACT 2008 (CONSEQUENTIAL
PROVISIONS) ORDER 2012**

2012 No. 2552

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Communities and Local Government and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1. The purpose of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012 is to amend secondary legislation in consequence of the changes brought in by Part 1 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 1998, which abolishes the Commission for the New Towns and establishes the Homes and Communities Agency.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

3.1 None

4. Legislative Context

4.1 This Order is made to remove the reference to the Commission for the New Towns in the Local Authority (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) Order 1972 (SI 1972/853) and replace it with a reference to the Homes and Communities Agency.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

7.1 The Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) Order 1972 (“the Goods and Services Order”) still lists the Commission for the New Towns (“CNT”) as a public body for the purposes of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, despite the abolition of the CNT, and

contains no reference to the Homes and Communities Agency, the CNT's successor body. The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) (No 2) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2831) did not include this consequential amendment. This Order rectifies the position by amending the Goods and Services Order.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 Not applicable.

9. Guidance

9.1 Not applicable.

10. Impact

10.1 There will be no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies

11. Regulating small business

11.1 The legislation had no impact on small business.

12. Monitoring & review

12.1 There will be no monitoring or review of the impact of this amendment.

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