Agreements between authorities

4 Agreement for exercise by Minister or strategic highways company of certain functions of local highway authority as respects highway affected by construction, etc. of trunk road.

(1) The Minister or a strategic highways company, whichever is the highway authority for a trunk road ("the trunk road authority") and a local highway authority may enter into an agreement for providing, in relation to a highway specified in the agreement, being a highway that crosses or enters the route of that trunk road or is or will be otherwise affected by the construction or improvement of that trunk road, that any functions specified in the agreement, being functions of improvement exercisable as respects that highway by the local highway authority, shall be exercisable by the trunk road authority on such terms and subject to such conditions (if any) as may be so specified.

(2) Where under an agreement made under this section any function of a local highway authority is exercisable by the trunk road authority, then, for the purpose of exercising that function the trunk road authority shall have the same powers under this Act (including highway land acquisition powers) as the local highway authority have for that purpose, and in exercising that function and those powers the trunk road authority shall have the like rights and be subject to the like liabilities as that authority.

(3) Where for purposes connected with any function exercisable under an agreement made under this section the trunk road authority proposes to construct a new highway, every council (other than the council of a non-metropolitan district) in whose area the proposed highway is situated shall be a party to the agreement and the
agreement shall provide for a local highway authority specified in the agreement to become the highway authority for the highway on its completion.

(4) An agreement under this section made between the [F10]trunk road authority] and any other highway authority may provide for the payment of contributions—

(a) by the [F10]trunk road authority] to that other authority in respect of any additional liabilities imposed on that other authority in consequence of the provisions of the agreement;

(b) to the [F10]trunk road authority] by that other authority in respect of liabilities so imposed on the [F10]trunk road authority], being liabilities which would otherwise have fallen to be discharged by that other authority;

and may also provide for the determination by arbitration of disputes as to the payment of such contributions.

(5) Any local highway authority who are a party to an agreement made under this section may contribute towards any expenses incurred by the [F11]trunk road authority] in executing any works to which the agreement relates.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 4 heading inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(6); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F2 Words in s. 4(1) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(2)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F3 Words in s. 4(1) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(2)(c); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F4 Words in s. 4(1) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(2)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F5 Words in s. 4(2) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(3)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F6 Words in s. 4(2) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(3)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F7 Words in s. 4(3) omitted (5.3.2015) by virtue of Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(4)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F8 Words in s. 4(3) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(4)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F9 Word inserted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 8, Sch. 4 para. 3

F10 Words in s. 4(4) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(5); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F11 Words in s. 4(5) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 5(5); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

5 Agreement for local highway authority to maintain and improve certain highways constructed or to be constructed by Minister[13] or strategic highways company].

(1) The local highway authority may by agreement with the Minister[13] or a strategic highways company ] undertake the maintenance and improvement of a highway in [13]the local highway authority’s] area, being a highway (other than a trunk road) which the Minister[13] or the company] proposes to construct or has, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, constructed.
(2) Where an agreement is made under this section the council who are a party to the agreement shall, on such date as may be provided by the agreement, become the highway authority for the highway to which the agreement relates.

Textual Amendments

F12 Words in s. 5 heading inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 6(3); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
F13 Words in s. 5(1) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 6(2)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
F14 Words in s. 5(1) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 6(2)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
F15 Words in s. 5(1) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 6(2)(c); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

6 Delegation etc. of functions with respect to trunk roads.

(1) The Minister [F16 or a strategic highways company] may by agreement with a county council, [F17 or a metropolitan district council], or a London borough council delegate to that council all or any of his [F18 or its] functions (including functions under a local or private Act) with respect to the maintenance and improvement of, and other dealing with, any trunk road or any land which does not form part of a trunk road but which has been acquired by him [F19 or it] in connection with a trunk road under section 239(2) or (4) or section 246 below;

[F20 (1A) The Minister [F22 or a strategic highways company] shall not delegate functions to a council under subsection (1) above—

(a) with respect to a trunk road or land outside [F21 that council's] area but within a non-metropolitan county or London borough, except with the consent of the council of that county or borough;

(b) with respect to a trunk road or land outside [F23 that council's] area but within a metropolitan district except after consultation with the council of that district.]

[F24 (1B) The Minister [F25 or a strategic highways company ] shall not delegate functions to a council under subsection (1) above with respect to a trunk road or land outside [F26 that council's]area but in Wales except after consultation with the Welsh council in whose area it is situated; and subsection (1A) does not apply in relation to a trunk road or land in Wales.]

(2) A council shall, in the exercise of any functions delegated to them under subsection (1) above, act as agents for the Minister [F27 or a strategic highways company] and in accordance with such conditions as [F28 may be attached] to the delegation, and among such conditions there shall be included the following—

(a) that the works to be executed and the expenditure to be incurred by the council in the discharge of the delegated functions shall be subject to the approval of the Minister [F27 or a strategic highways company];

(b) that the council shall comply with any requirement of the Minister [F27 or a strategic highways company] as to the manner in which any such works are to be carried out, and with any directions of the Minister [F27 or a strategic highways company] as to the terms of contracts to be entered into for the purposes of the discharge of the delegated functions; and
(c) that any such works shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister or a strategic highways company.

(3) If at any time the Minister is satisfied that a trunk road or land with respect to which functions are delegated under subsection (1) above is not in proper repair and condition, he may give notice to the council requiring them to place it in proper repair and condition within such time as may be specified in the notice, and if the notice is not complied with the Minister may do anything that seems to him necessary to place the road or land in proper repair and condition.

(4) A delegation to a council under subsection (1) above may be determined by notice given by the Minister to the council during the first 9 months of any calendar year, or the functions so delegated may be relinquished by a notice given by the council to the Minister during any such period; and the notice shall take effect as from 1st April in the calendar year following that in which it is given.

(5) The Minister may enter into an agreement with a county council, a metropolitan district council or a London borough council—

(a) for the construction of a trunk road, or

(b) for the carrying out by the council of any work of improvement of, or other dealing with, any trunk road or any such land as is mentioned in subsection (1) above;

and subsection (2) above applies to the discharge of the functions of a council under any such agreement and to the conditions to be included in any such agreement as it applies to the discharge of functions delegated under subsection (1) above to any such council and to the conditions to be attached to any such delegation.

(6) Where—

(a) any functions have been delegated by the Minister to a county council under subsection (1) above, or

(b) the Minister has entered into an agreement with a county council under subsection (5) above,

the county council (the “responsible council”) may, with the consent of the Minister, enter into arrangements with a district council (the “contracting council”) for the carrying out by the contracting council, in accordance with the arrangements, of such of the delegated functions or, as the case may be, of the functions to which the agreement relates as may be specified in the arrangements; . . .

(6A) No arrangements shall be entered into under subsection (6) above for the carrying out by a contracting council of any functions—

(a) with respect to a trunk road or land outside their area but within a non-metropolitan district, except with the consent of the council of the non-metropolitan district;

(b) with respect to a trunk road or land outside their area but within a metropolitan district, except after consultation with the council of the metropolitan district.

(c) with respect to a trunk road or land in Wales but outside the area—

(i) of the responsible council; and

(ii) of the contracting council,
the provisions of this section; or
the provisions of any order made under section 69 of the Deregulation and
Plant or materials belonging to a council by whom functions fall to be exercised by

Nothing in this section limits the power of the Minister [F44or a strategic highways
company] to enter into and carry into effect agreements with any person for any
purpose connected with the construction, improvement or maintenance of, or other
dealing with, a trunk road or otherwise connected with his [F45or the company's]
functions relating to trunk roads under this or any other Act; but no such agreement
shall provide for the delegation of powers or duties of the Minister [F44or a strategic
highways company] except in accordance [F46with
(a) the provisions of this section; or
(b) the provisions of any order made under section 69 of the Deregulation and
Contracting Out Act 1994.]

Textual Amendments

| F16 | Words in s. 6(1) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(2)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F17 | Words substituted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 8, Sch. 4 para. 4(a)(i) |
| F18 | Words in s. 6(1) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(2)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F19 | Words in s. 6(1) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(2)(c); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F20 | Words repealed by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), ss. 8, 102, Sch. 4 para. 4(a)(ii), Sch. 17 |
| F21 | S. 6(1A) inserted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 8, Sch. 4 para. 4(b) |
| F22 | Words in s. 6(1A) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(3)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F23 | Words in s. 6(1A) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(3)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F24 | S. 6(1B) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 22(1), Sch. 7 Pt. I para. 2(2) (with s. 54(7), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 3, Sch.1. |
| F25 | Words in s. 6(1B) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(4)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F26 | Words in s. 6(1B) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(4)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F27 | Words in s. 6(2) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(5)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F28 | Words in s. 6(2) substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(5)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F29 | Words in s. 6(3) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(6)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F30 | Words in s. 6(3) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(6)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F31 | Words in s. 6(3) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), S. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(6)(c); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |
| F32 | Words in s. 6(4) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), S. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 7(7); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a) |

C3 S. 6 functions made exercisable concurrently (9.2.2017) by The West of England Combined Authority Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/251), arts. 1(3), 9(1)

C4 S. 6 functions made exercisable concurrently (3.3.2017) by The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/251), arts. 1(2)(b), 9(1)

C5 S. 6 functions made exercisable (8.5.2017) by The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/251), arts. 1(3), 15(1)

C6 S. 6 functions made exercisable concurrently (8.5.2017) by The West Midlands Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/510), arts. 1(2), 4(1)(3)


C8 S. 6(5) functions exercisable jointly (1.4.2018) by The Sub-national Transport Body (Transport for the North) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/103), regs. 1(2), 9(2), 10(a)

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Textual Amendments

F47 S. 7 repealed by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 102, Sch. 17
8 Agreements between local highway authorities and strategic highways companies for doing of certain works.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, local highway authorities and strategic highways companies may enter into agreements with other such authorities and companies for or in relation to the construction, reconstruction, alteration, improvement or maintenance of a highway for which any party to the agreement are the highway authority.

(2) An agreement under this section may provide, in relation to a highway specified in the agreement, being a highway for which one of the parties to the agreement are the highway authority, that any functions specified in the agreement, being functions exercisable as respects that highway by the highway authority therefor, shall be exercisable by some other party to the agreement on such terms and subject to such conditions (if any) as may be so specified.

(3) Where under an agreement made under this section any function of the highway authority for a highway is exercisable by another highway authority, then, for the purpose of exercising that function that other highway authority shall have the same powers under this Act (including highway land acquisition powers) as the highway authority for the highway have for that purpose, and in exercising that function and those powers they shall have the like rights and be subject to the like liabilities as that authority.

(4) The council of a county (other than one in Wales) may not enter into an agreement under this section with the council of another county or county borough unless their areas adjoining each other, and the council of a metropolitan district may not enter into an agreement under this section with the council of another metropolitan district or of a county or county borough unless the districts are in the same county or in counties which adjoin each other, as the case may be, in which the district is situated and the other county or, as the case may be, county borough adjoin each other.

(5) Expenses incurred in pursuance of an agreement made under this section shall be borne for the parties to the agreement in such proportions as may be determined by the agreement.
9 Seconding of staff etc.

(1) A council may enter into an agreement with the Minister or a strategic highways company for placing his or the company's disposal for the purposes of his or the company's functions relating to highways, on such terms as may be provided by the agreement, the services of persons employed by the council and any premises, equipment and other facilities under the control of the council.

(2) For superannuation purposes service rendered by a person whose services are placed at the disposal of the Minister or a strategic highways company in pursuance of this section is service rendered to the council by whom that person is employed.

Textual Amendments

F57 Words in s. 9(1) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 9(2)(a); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F58 Words in s. 9(1) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 9(2)(b); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)

F59 Words in s. 9(2) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), Sch. 1 para. 9(3); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
### Changes to legislation:

Highways Act 1980, Cross Heading: Agreements between authorities is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 October 2019. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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### Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 90B(1A) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 15(3)
- s. 90C(2)(2A) substituted for s. 90C(2) by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 16(3)
- s. 90FA inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 20
- s. 118ZA(5)(a) words inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 25(3)
- s. 120(3ZA) inserted by 2000 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 13(6)
- s. 121E(1A)(1B) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 23(5)
- s. 146(6) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 24(6)(d)
- s. 147(1A) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 24(3)
- s. 147(5A) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 24(5)
- s. 322(5)(ab) inserted by 2004 c. 18 s. 64(2)
- s. 325(2B) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 21
- Sch. 6 para. 1(3ZA) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(2)(b)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(2ZA)-(2ZE) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(3)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(4) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(4)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(5)(6) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(5)
- Sch. 6 para. 2ZZA inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(6)
- Sch. 6 para. 4A(2) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(7)(c)
- Sch. 6 para. 5(ba) inserted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(8)
- Sch. 6 para. 4A(1) words renumbered as Sch. 6 para. 4A(1) by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(7)(a)
- Sch. 6 para. 4A(1) words substituted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8(7)(b)
- Sch. 6 Pt. 1 para. 2B(4) inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 25(6)