



# Local Government Finance Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 41

### PART IV

#### PRECEPTS AND LEVIES

##### *Precepts*

<sup>F1</sup>**68** .....

##### Textual Amendments

**F1** [Ss. 68-73](#) repealed (6.3.1992) by [1992 c. 14](#), s. 117(2), [Sch. 14](#) (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))

<sup>F2</sup>**69** .....

##### Textual Amendments

**F2** [Ss. 68-73](#) repealed (6.3.1992) by [1992 c. 14](#), s. 117(2), [Sch.14](#) (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))

<sup>F3</sup>**70** .....

##### Textual Amendments

**F3** [Ss. 68-73](#) repealed (6.3.1992) by [1992 c. 14](#), s. 117(2), [Sch.14](#) (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))

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#### Textual Amendments

**F4** Ss. 68-73 repealed (6.3.1992) by 1992 c. 14, s. 117(2), **Sch.14** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))

<sup>F5</sup>**72** .....

#### Textual Amendments

**F5** Ss. 68-73 repealed (6.3.1992) by 1992 c. 14, s. 117(2), **Sch.14** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))

<sup>F6</sup>**73** .....

#### Textual Amendments

**F6** Ss. 68-73 repealed (6.3.1992) by 1992 c. 14, s. 117(2), **Sch.14** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))

## 74 Levies.

- (1) In this section “levying body” means any body which—
- is established by or under an Act,
  - apart from section 117 below would have in respect of the financial year beginning in 1990 power (conferred by or under an Act passed before, or in the same session as, this Act) to issue a precept to, make a levy on or have its expenses paid by a county council or charging authority, and
  - is not a precepting authority <sup>F7</sup>... [<sup>F8</sup>or combined fire authority].

- (2) Whereas a levying body has (by virtue of section 117 below) no such power under the Act concerned in respect of a chargeable financial year, the Secretary of State may make regulations conferring on each levying body power to issue to the council concerned and in accordance with the regulations a levy (to be so called) in respect of any chargeable financial year.

[<sup>F9</sup>(2A) The reference in subsection (2) above to the council concerned includes a reference to a council to which the functions of the council concerned in relation to the whole or any part of its area have been transferred by or in consequence of an order under section 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 <sup>F10</sup>[<sup>F11</sup>... or Part 1 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007] .]

- (3) The regulations may include provision—
- as to when levies are to be issued;
  - imposing a maximum limit on levies;
  - as to apportionment where a body issues levies to more than one council;
  - conferring a power to issue levies by way of substitute for others;
  - as to the payment (in instalments or otherwise) of amounts in respect of which levies are issued;
  - conferring a right to interest on anything unpaid.

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(4) The regulations may include provision—

- [<sup>F12</sup>(a) that a billing authority making calculations in accordance with section [<sup>F13</sup>31A or] 32 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (originally or by way of substitute) may anticipate a levy;
- (b) that a county council making calculations in accordance with section [<sup>F14</sup>42A or] 43 of that Act (originally or by way of substitute) may anticipate a levy;]
- [<sup>F15</sup>(bb) that the Greater London Authority in making calculations in accordance with sections 85 and 86 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (originally or by way of substitute) in the case of any constituent body (within the meaning of those sections), except the [<sup>F16</sup>Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime] (for which separate provision is made), may anticipate a levy;
- (c) as to the treatment as special expenses of amounts so anticipated;
- (d) as to the treatment of any levy actually issued.

[<sup>F17</sup>(5) The regulations may include—

- (a) provision equivalent to anything in Chapter III or IV of Part I of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 or regulations made under either Chapter (subject to such modifications as the Secretary of State thinks fit);
- (b) provision amending or adapting any provision of that Act in consequence of any provision included under subsection (4) above.]

(6) In this section “Act” includes a private or local Act.

[<sup>F18</sup>(7) For the purposes of this section—

- (a) a Welsh joint planning board constituted under section 2(1B) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; <sup>F19</sup> . . .

<sup>F19</sup>(b) . . . . .

shall be treated as a levying body with respect to which regulations may be made under subsection (2) above.]

[<sup>F20</sup>(8) For the purposes of this section—

- (a) a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 shall be treated as a levying body with respect to which regulations may be made under subsection (2), and
- (b) the reference in that subsection to the council concerned shall be treated as a reference to the combined authority's constituent councils.

<sup>F21</sup>(9) . . . . .

(10) Regulations under this section by virtue of subsection (8) may only make provision in relation to the expenses of a combined authority that are reasonably [<sup>F22</sup>attributable—

- (a) to] the exercise of its functions relating to transport][<sup>F23</sup>, or
- (b) subject to subsection (11), to the exercise of any other functions.]

[<sup>F24</sup>(11) Regulations under this section by virtue of subsection (8) that include provision within subsection (10)(b) may be made only with the consent of—

- (a) the constituent councils, and
- (b) in the case of regulations in relation to an existing combined authority, the combined authority.

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- (12) Subsection (11) is subject to section 106A of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (which enables regulations to be made without the consent of all the constituent councils in certain circumstances).
- (13) Regulations under this section by virtue of subsection (8) may not make provision in relation to expenses of a combined authority that are attributable to the exercise of mayoral functions.
- (14) In subsections (8) to (13)—
- “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;
- “mayoral functions” has the meaning given by section 107G(7) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.]
- [<sup>F25</sup>(15) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) a combined county authority established under section 9(1) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 is to be treated as a levying body with respect to which regulations may be made under subsection (2), and
- (b) the reference in that subsection to the council concerned shall be treated as a reference to the combined county authority’s constituent councils.
- (16) Regulations under this section by virtue of subsection (15) may be made only with the consent of—
- (a) the constituent councils, and
- (b) in the case of regulations in relation to an existing combined county authority, that authority.
- (17) Regulations under this section by virtue of subsection (15) may not make provision in relation to expenses of a combined county authority that are attributable to the exercise of mayoral functions.
- (18) In subsections (15) to (17)—
- “constituent council” has the meaning given by section 10(11) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023;
- “mayoral function” has the meaning given by section 41(8) of that Act.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F7** Words in s. 74(1)(c) omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 182\(a\)](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F8** Words in s. 74(1)(c) substituted (1.4.2005) by virtue of [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), s. 110(1), [Sch. 8 para. 305\(a\)](#); S.I. 2005/910, art. 3(y)
- F9** S. 74(2A) inserted (28.11.1994) by [The Local Government Changes for England \(Finance\) Regulations 1994 \(S.I. 1994/2825\)](#), [reg. 5](#)
- F10** Words in s. 74(2A) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 146(3), 148(5), [Sch. 7 Pt. 4](#); S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(ii)
- F11** Words in s. 74(2A) substituted (1.11.2007 for E.) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 245(5), [Sch. 1 para. 16\(2\)](#); S.I. 2007/3136, art. 2(b)
- F12** S. 74(4)(a)(b) substituted (6.3.1992) by 1992 c. 14, s. 117(1), [Sch. 13 para. 72\(1\)](#) (with s. 118(1)(2) (4))

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- F13** Words in s. 74(4)(a) inserted (3.12.2011) by Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), s. 240(2), **Sch. 7 para. 2(a)**; S.I. 2011/2896, art. 2(i)
- F14** Words in s. 74(4)(b) inserted (3.12.2011) by Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), s. 240(2), **Sch. 7 para. 2(b)**; S.I. 2011/2896, art. 2(i)
- F15** S. 74(bb) inserted (12.1.2000) by 1999 c. 29, **s. 105** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 1999/3434, **art. 2** (with Sch. 1 para. 1)
- F16** Words in s. 74(4)(bb) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 182(b)**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F17** S. 74(5) substituted (6.3.1992) by 1992 c. 14, s. 117(1), **Sch. 13 para. 72(2)** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))
- F18** S. 74(7) added (3.4.1995) by 1994 c. 19, s. 20(4), **Sch. 6 Pt. II para. 21** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1995/852, art. 4(1), **Sch. 2** (with art. 4(2)-(6))
- F19** S. 74(7)(b) and the word “and” immediately preceding it repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 25, s. 120(3), **Sch. 24** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/2560, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F20** S. 74(8)-(10) inserted (17.12.2009) by Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20), s. 148(6), **Sch. 6 para. 75**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 2(c)
- F21** S. 74(9) omitted (28.1.2016 for specified purposes, 28.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (c. 1), s. 25(2), **Sch. 5 para. 10**
- F22** Words in s. 74(10) substituted (28.1.2016 for specified purposes, 28.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (c. 1), **ss. 9(1)(a)**, 25(2)
- F23** S. 74(10)(b) and word inserted (28.1.2016 for specified purposes, 28.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (c. 1), **ss. 9(1)(b)**, 25(2)
- F24** S. 74(11)-(14) inserted (28.1.2016 for specified purposes, 28.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (c. 1), **ss. 9(2)**, 25(2)
- F25** S. 74(15)-(18) inserted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 93** (with s. 247)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 74 extended (1. 12. 1991) by Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57), **ss. 133**, 225(2) (with ss. 16(6), 179., 222(3), 224(1), Sch. 22 para. 1, Sch. 23 para. 6)
- C2** S. 74 modified (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 19, ss. 39, 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 14** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2))
- C3** S. 74 restricted (*prosp.*) by 1995 c. 25, ss. 120(2), 125(3), **Sch. 23 Pt. I para. 15(6)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117)
- C4** S. 74 modified (26.5.2006) by Transport (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 5), **ss. 5(10)**, 12; S.I. 2006/1403, art. 2(2)(e)
- C5** S. 74 modified (15.1.2014) by Humber Bridge Act 2013 (c. vi), ss. 1(1), **7(3)**
- C6** S. 74: transfer of functions (2.11.2018) by The Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/1133), arts. 1, 7 (with art. 28)
- C7** S. 74(2) amended by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)-(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 80(2), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**
- C8** S. 74(10) modified (1.4.2011) by The Greater Manchester Combined Authority Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/908), arts. 1, **8(5)**

**F26** **74A** .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F26** S. 74A (which was inserted by 1989 c. 42, s. 139, **Sch. 5 para. 54**) repealed (6.3.1992) by 1992 c. 14, s. 117(2), **Sch.14** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))

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## 75 Special levies.

- (1) This section applies as regards any body—
  - (a) which has no power to levy a rate by virtue of regulations under section 118 below, or
  - (b) whose power to levy a rate is modified by regulations under that section.
- (2) The [<sup>F27</sup>appropriate Minister] may make regulations conferring on any such body power to issue in respect of prescribed chargeable financial years and in accordance with the regulations—
  - (a) a special levy (to be so called) to such [<sup>F28</sup>billing authority] as is prescribed as regards the body concerned, or
  - (b) special levies (to be so called) to such [<sup>F29</sup>billing authorities] as are prescribed as regards the body concerned.
- (3) The regulations may include provision as to the body's expenditure, or the proportion of its expenditure, which may be met from the proceeds of a special levy or special levies.
- (4) The regulations may include provision—
  - (a) as to when special levies are to be issued;
  - (b) imposing a maximum limit on special levies;
  - (c) as to apportionment where a body issues special levies to more than one [<sup>F30</sup>billing authority];
  - (d) conferring a power to issue special levies by way of substitute for others;
  - (e) as to the payment (in instalments or otherwise) of amounts in respect of which special levies are issued;
  - (f) conferring a right to interest on anything unpaid.
- (5) The regulations may include provision requiring a [<sup>F30</sup>billing authority] to treat as special expenses any expenses needed to meet a special levy issued to it.
- (6) The regulations may include provision—
  - [<sup>F31</sup>(a) that a billing authority making calculations in accordance with section [<sup>F32</sup>31A or] 32 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (originally or by way of substitute) may anticipate a special levy;]
  - (b) as to the treatment as special expenses of amounts so anticipated;
  - (c) as to the treatment of any special levy actually issued.
- [<sup>F33</sup>(7) The regulations may include—
  - (a) provision equivalent to anything in Chapter III or IV of Part I of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 or regulations made under either Chapter (subject to such modifications as the appropriate Minister thinks fit);
  - (b) provision amending or adapting any provision of that Act in consequence of any provision included under subsection (6) above.]
- [<sup>F34</sup>(7A) Regulations made by the Welsh Ministers may include provision for appeals to be made to the Welsh Ministers from special levies issued to meet expenses incurred in the exercise of functions relating to land drainage.]
- [<sup>F35</sup>(8) In this section “the appropriate Minister” has the same meaning as in section 118 below.]

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Textual Amendments

- F27** Words substituted by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989](#) (c. 42, SIF 81:1), s. 139, **Sch. 5 para. 55(2)**
- F28** Words in s. 75(2)(a) substituted (6.3.1992) by [1992 c. 14](#), s. 117(1), **Sch. 13 para. 73(1)(a)** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))
- F29** Words in s. 75(2)(b) substituted (6.3.1992) by [1992 c. 14](#), s. 117(1), **Sch. 13 para. 73(1)(b)** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))
- F30** Words in s. 75(4)(c)(5) substituted (6.3.1992) by [1992 c. 14](#), s. 117(1), **Sch. 13 para. 73(2)** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))
- F31** S. 75(6)(a) substituted (6.3.1992) by [1992 c. 14](#), s. 117(1), **Sch. 13 para. 73(3)** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))
- F32** Words in s. 75(6)(a) inserted (3.12.2011) by [Localism Act 2011](#) (c. 20), s. 240(2), **Sch. 7 para. 3**; S.I. 2011/2896, art. 2(i)
- F33** S. 75(7) substituted (6.3.1992) by [1992 c. 14](#), s. 117(1), **Sch. 13 para. 73(4)** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))
- F34** S. 75(7A) inserted (21.5.2016) by [Environment \(Wales\) Act 2016](#) (anaw 3), **ss. 84(2)**, 88(2)(e)
- F35** S. 75(8) added by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989](#) (c. 42, SIF 81:1), s. 139, **Sch. 5 para. 55(4)**

<sup>F36</sup>**75A** .....

Textual Amendments

- F36** [S. 75A](#) (which was inserted by [1989 c. 42](#), s. 139, **Sch. 5 para. 56**) repealed (6.3.1992) by [1992 c. 14](#), s. 117(2), **Sch.14** (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))

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- s. 44A(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 44A(5)(e) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 2\(c\)](#)
- s. 52A inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 8](#)
- s. 54(7A) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 34](#)
- s. 57A(7A) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 4\(d\)](#)
- s. 63A(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 12\(1\)](#)
- s. 63E inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 12\(2\)](#)
- s. 67(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 7\(a\)](#)
- s. 67(8A)(8B) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 37\(a\)](#)
- s. 143(7A)-(7F) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 8\(c\)](#)
- s. 143(9AZB) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 39\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 4ZA inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 1\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 4ZB inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 2\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 8 inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 38](#)
- Sch. 5A inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 4B-4H and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 13\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 4I-4M and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 13\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 5BA-5BC and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 13\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 5BD-5BF and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 13\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 5CA and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 46](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 5CB inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 47](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 5F(1A)(1B) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 49\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 5F(A1) inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 49\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 5FA inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 50](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 5FB inserted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 51](#)
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- Sch. 9 para. 5ZC-5ZF and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 13\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 7B inserted by [2023 c. 53 s. 10](#)