

*These notes refer to the Local Government Act 1999
(c.27) which received Royal Assent on 27 July 1999*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENCEMENT

101. Sections 1 to 20 and 22-26 of Part I of the Act will commence 12 months after Royal Assent unless an order is made to commence these provisions earlier. An order is very likely to be made in respect of a number of specific provisions (which confer an order-making power on the Secretary of State, or which allow him or the Audit Commission to issue guidance or Codes of Practice to authorities and auditors) to provide for commencement as soon as possible after Royal Assent. The provisions in question are:

- section 1: defining best value authorities
- subsections 2(1), 2(2), 2(3), 2(5) and 2(6): extending or disapplying the duty
- subsections 3(2), 3(3) and 3(4): consultation
- subsections 4(1), 4(2), 4(3), 4(4): specifying performance indicators and standards
- subsections 5(2), 5(4), 5(5), 5(6) and 5(7): orders and guidance regarding best value reviews
- section 6: orders and guidance regarding best value performance plans
- subsections 8(2) to 8(7): codes of practice and scales of fees relating to best value audit
- subsection 10(4): guidance on inspections
- subsections 12(1) and 12(4): scales of fees relating to best value inspection
- subsections 15(7) and 15(8): Secretary of State's powers: regulations
- section 16: powers to modify enactments and confer new powers
- section 17: procedures for clause 16 orders
- section 18: contracting out of functions
- section 19: orders and guidance regarding non-commercial considerations
- section 22: Audit Commission
- section 23: accounts
- subsection 24(1): Police Act 1996
- section 25: co-ordination of inspections
- section 26: general guidance