



Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 20

PART 4

LOCAL AUTHORITY ECONOMIC ASSESSMENTS

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- (1) A principal local authority in England must prepare an assessment of the economic conditions of its area.
- (2) A principal local authority may revise the assessment, or any part or aspect of it, at any time.
- (3) In this Part “principal local authority” means—
 - (a) a county council;
 - (b) a district council, other than a non-unitary district council;
 - (c) a London borough council;
 - (d) the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a local authority;
 - (e) the Council of the Isles of Scilly.
- (4) In discharging its functions under this section, a principal local authority must consult such persons as it considers appropriate.
- (5) Where a principal local authority is a county council for an area for which there is a district council, the following duties also apply in relation to the discharge by the county council of its functions under this section—
 - (a) the county council must consult and seek the participation of the district council;
 - (b) the county council must have regard to any material produced by the district council in the discharge of the district council’s functions under section 13 of the [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(c. 5\)](#);
 - (c) the district council must co-operate with the county council.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (6) A principal local authority must have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State—
- (a) as to what an assessment under this section should contain and how it should be prepared;
 - (b) as to when to prepare an assessment under subsection (1);
 - (c) as to when to revise any assessment, or any part or aspect of an assessment, under subsection (2).
- (7) Before giving guidance under subsection (6) the Secretary of State must consult—
- (a) such representatives of local government as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, and
 - (b) such other persons (if any) as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (8) In subsection (3), “non-unitary district council” means a district council for an area that is part of the area of a county council.