
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No. 2416

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

**The Local Authorities (Categorisation)
(England) (No.2) Order 2005**

Made - - - - *30th August 2005*
Laid before Parliament *7th September 2005*
Coming into force - - *28th September 2005*

The First Secretary of State, having received a report from the Audit Commission⁽¹⁾ produced under section 99(1) of the Local Government Act 2003⁽²⁾ in exercise of the powers conferred by section 99(4) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) (No.2) Order 2005 and shall come into force on 28th September 2005

(2) This Order applies in relation to English local authorities⁽³⁾.

Categorisation report

2. The English local authorities (“authorities”), to which the report of the Audit Commission dated 18th July 2005 relates, are, by this Order, categorised in accordance with their categorisation in that report.

Excellent Authorities

3. The authorities listed in Schedule 1 to this Order are categorised as excellent.

Good Authorities

4. The authorities listed in Schedule 2 to this Order are categorised as good.

(1) For the definition of “Audit Commission”, see section 99(7) of the Local Government Act 2003. The report of the Audit Commission consists of a letter from the Chief Executive of the Audit Commission to the Minister of Communities and Local Government dated 18th July 2005 with an attached list of local authorities categorised by the Audit Commission as at that date.

(2) 2003 c. 26.

(3) For the definition of “English local authority”, see section 99(7) of the Local Government Act 2003.

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Fair Authorities

5. The authorities listed in Schedule 3 to this Order are categorised as fair.

Weak Authorities

6. The authorities listed in Schedule 4 to this Order are categorised as weak.

Poor Authorities

7. The authorities listed in Schedule 5 to this Order are categorised as poor.

Revocation

8. The Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) Order 2005(4) is revoked.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State

30th August 2005

Phil Woolas
Minister of State
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Excellent Authorities

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
Bexley London Borough Council
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Blyth Valley Borough Council
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council
Cambridge City Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Camden London Borough Council
Canterbury City Council
Cheshire County Council
Chester City Council
Chichester District Council
Chiltern District Council
Colchester Borough Council
Cornwall County Council
Corporation of London
Darlington Borough Council
Derby City Council
Derbyshire County Council
Derbyshire Dales District Council
Dorset County Council
Durham County Council
Easington District Council
East Riding of Yorkshire District Council
Elmbridge Borough Council
Exeter City Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Guildford Borough Council
Halton Borough Council
Hambleton District Council
Hammersmith & Fulham London Borough Council
Hampshire County Council
Hartlepool Borough Council
Hertfordshire County Council
High Peak Borough Council
Horsham District Council
Huntingdonshire District Council

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Kensington & Chelsea Royal Borough Council
Kent County Council
Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Lancashire County Council
Leeds City Council
Leicestershire County Council
Maidstone Borough Council
Middlesbrough Borough Council
Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
New Forest District Council
North Cornwall District Council
North Lincolnshire District Council
Nottinghamshire County Council
Runnymede Borough Council
Sheffield City Council
Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council
Shropshire County Council
South Hams District Council
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Spelthorne Borough Council
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Suffolk County Council
Sunderland City Council
Tameside Metropolitan District Council
Taunton Deane Borough Council
Telford & Wrekin District Council
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Wandsworth London Borough Council
Warwick District Council
Warwickshire County Council
Wellingborough Borough Council
West Sussex County Council
Westminster City Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council
Worcestershire County Council

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Good Authorities

Alnwick District Council
Arun District Council
Ashford Borough Council
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Babergh District Council
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Bath & North East Somerset District Council
Bedford Borough Council
Blackpool Borough Council
Bolsover District Council
Bracknell Forest Borough Council
Bradford City Council
Braintree District Council
Breckland District Council
Brent London Borough Council
Brentwood Borough Council
Brighton & Hove City Council
Bromley London Borough Council
Bromley London Borough Council
Broxbourne Borough Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Burnley Borough Council
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Carlisle City Council
Carrick District Council
Chelmsford Borough Council
Cheltenham Borough Council
Cherwell District Council
Chesterfield Borough Council
Cotswold District Council
Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council
Croydon London Borough Council
Dacorum Borough Council
Dartford Borough Council
Derwentside District Council
Devon County Council
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

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East Cambridgeshire District Council
East Devon District Council
East Dorset District Council
East Hampshire District Council
East Hertfordshire District Council
East Sussex County Council
Eastbourne Borough Council
Eastleigh Borough Council
Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council
Epping Forest District Council
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Essex County Council
Fareham Borough Council
Gedling Borough Council
Gloucestershire County Council
Gosport Borough Council
Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Greenwich London Borough Council
Harborough District Council
Hastings Borough Council
Havant Borough Council
Herefordshire District Council
Hounslow London Borough Council
Ipswich Borough Council
Islington London Borough Council
Kennet District Council
Kettering Borough Council
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council
Leicester City Council
Lewes District Council
Lewisham London Borough Council
Lichfield District Council
Liverpool City Metropolitan District Council
Luton Borough Council
Macclesfield Borough Council
Maldon District Council
Manchester City Council
Medway District Council
Mole Valley District Council
Newham London Borough Council

Norfolk County Council
North Kesteven District Council
North Yorkshire County Council
Northumberland County Council
Oswestry Borough Council
Oxfordshire County Council
Pendle Borough Council
Penwith District Council
Poole Borough Council
Portsmouth City Council
Preston Borough Council
Reading Borough Council
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
Richmond upon Thames London Borough Council
Rushcliffe Borough Council
Rushmoor Borough Council
Ryedale District Council
Salisbury District Council
Scarborough Borough Council
Sedgefield Borough Council
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council
Sevenoaks District Council
Slough Borough Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Somerset County Council
South Bedfordshire District Council
South Gloucestershire District Council
South Norfolk District Council
South Oxfordshire District Council
South Ribble Borough Council
South Shropshire District Council
Southampton City Council
Southwark London Borough Council
St. Edmundsbury Borough Council
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Stevenage Borough Council
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Stroud District Council

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Surrey County Council
Sutton London Borough Council
Tandridge District Council
Teignbridge District Council
Tendring District Council
Test Valley Borough Council
Three Rivers District Council
Tower Hamlets London Borough Council
Tynedale District Council
Vale Royal Borough Council
Warrington Borough Council
Waverley Borough Council
Wealden District Council
West Berkshire District Council
West Devon Borough Council
West Lancashire District Council
West Oxfordshire District Council
Wiltshire County Council
Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough Council
Woking Borough Council
Wokingham District Council
Wychavon District Council
Wycombe District Council
York District Council

SCHEDULE 3

Article 5

Fair Authorities

Adur District Council
Allerdale Borough Council
Amber Valley Borough Council
Ashfield District Council
Barking & Dagenham London Borough Council
Barnet London Borough Council
Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council
Basildon District Council
Bassetlaw District Council
Blaby District Council
Boston Borough Council

Bournemouth Borough Council
Bridgnorth District Council
Bristol City Council
Broadland District Council
Broxtowe Borough Council
Cannock Chase District Council
Caradon District Council
Charnwood Borough Council
Chorley Borough Council
Christchurch Borough Council
Copeland Borough Council
Coventry City Council
Craven District Council
Crawley Borough Council
Daventry District Council
Dover District Council
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Durham City Council
East Northamptonshire District Council
East Staffordshire Borough Council
Eden District Council
Enfield London Borough Council
Fenland District Council
Forest Heath District Council
Gloucester City Council
Gravesham Borough Council
Haringey London Borough Council
Harrogate Borough Council
Harrow London Borough Council
Hart District Council
Havering London Borough Council
Hertsmere Borough Council
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Hyndburn Borough Council
Isle of Wight County Council
Kerrier District Council
Lancaster City Council
Lincoln City Council
Lincolnshire County Council
Malvern Hills District Council

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Melton Borough Council
Merton London Borough Council
Mid Bedfordshire District Council
Mid Suffolk District Council
Mid Sussex District Council
Milton Keynes District Council
Newark and Sherwood District Council
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
North Hertfordshire District Council
North Norfolk District Council
North Somerset District Council
North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
North Warwickshire Borough Council
North Wiltshire District Council
Northamptonshire County Council
Norwich City Council
Nottingham City Council
Oadby & Wigston Borough Council
Peterborough City Council
Purbeck District Council
Redbridge London Borough Council
Redditch Borough Council
Restormel Borough Council
Ribble Valley Borough Council
Richmondshire District Council
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Rother District Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Rugby Borough Council
Rutland District Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Sedgemoor District Council
South Buckinghamshire District Council
South Cambridgeshire District Council
South Derbyshire District Council
South Holland District Council
South Kesteven District Council
South Northamptonshire District Council
South Somerset District Council
South Staffordshire District Council

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
St. Albans City Council
Stafford Borough Council
Staffordshire County Council
Suffolk Coastal District Council
Surrey Heath Borough Council
Swale Borough Council
Tamworth Borough Council
Tewkesbury Borough Council
Thurrock Borough Council
Torbay District Council
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
Uttlesford District Council
Vale of White Horse District Council
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Wansbeck District Council
Wear Valley District Council
Welwyn Hatfield District Council
West Dorset District Council
West Lindsey District Council
West Wiltshire District Council
Winchester City Council
Wirral Metropolitan District Council
Wolverhampton City Council
Worcester City Council
Worthing Borough Council
Wyre Forest District Council

SCHEDULE 4

Article 6

Weak Authorities

Bedfordshire County Council
Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council
Birmingham City Council
Castle Morpeth Borough Council
Congleton Borough Council
Corby Borough Council
Cumbria County Council

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Ealing London Borough Council
East Lindsey District Council
Erewash Borough Council
Forest of Dean District Council
Fylde Borough Council
Hackney London Borough Council
Hillingdon London Borough Council
Isles of Scilly Council
Lambeth London Borough Council
Mansfield District Council
Mendip District Council
Mid Devon District Council
North Devon District Council
North Dorset District Council
North East Derbyshire District Council
North East Lincolnshire District Council
North West Leicestershire District Council
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Oxford City Council
Plymouth City Council
Rochford District Council
Salford City Council
Selby District Council
Shepway District Council
South Lakeland District Council
Stratford on Avon District Council
Swindon Borough Council
Thanet District Council
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Waltham Forest London Borough Council
Watford Borough Council
Waveney District Council
West Somerset District Council
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council
Wyre Borough Council

SCHEDULE 5

Article 7

Poor Authorities

Bromsgrove District Council
Castle Point Borough Council
Chester-le-Street District Council
Harlow District Council
Kingston upon Hull City Council
North Shropshire District Council
Northampton Borough Council
Rossendale Borough Council
Teesdale District Council
Torridge District Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order categorises local authorities in England into five categories according to performance. The categorisation follows a report of the Audit Commission on 18th July 2005. A copy of the report may be obtained free of charge from Susie Turner at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU; telephone: 020 7944 4357 or email Susie.Turner@odpm.gsi.gov.uk.

Article 8 of this order revokes the Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) Order 2005.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.