
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 3096

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) Order 2006

Made - - - - *17th November 2006*
Laid before Parliament *24th November 2006*
Coming into force - - *15th December 2006*

The Secretary of State, makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 99(4) of the Local Government Act 2003(1).

In accordance with section 99(4) of that Act she has received a report from the Audit Commission(2) produced under section 99(1) of that Act.

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 15th December 2006.

(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 31st August 2006 relates, are, by this Order, categorised in accordance with their categorisation in that report.

4 Stars Authorities

3. The authorities listed in Schedule 1 to this Order are categorised as 4 stars.

3 Stars Authorities

4. The authorities listed in Schedule 2 are categorised as 3 stars.

(1) [2003.c.26](#).

(2) 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 for Local Government and Community Cohesion dated 31st August 2006 with an attached list of local authorities categorised by the Audit Commission as at that date.

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

2 Stars Authorities

5. The authorities listed in Schedule 3 are categorised as 2 stars.

1 Star Authorities

6. The authorities listed in Schedule 4 are categorised as 1 star.

0 Stars Authorities

7. The authority listed in Schedule 5 is categorised as 0 stars.

Excellent Authorities

8. The authorities listed in Schedule 6 are categorised as excellent.

Good Authorities

9. The authorities listed in Schedule 7 are categorised as good.

Fair Authorities

10. The authorities listed in Schedule 8 are categorised as fair.

Weak Authorities

11. The authorities listed in Schedule 9 are categorised as weak.

Poor Authorities

12. The authorities listed in Schedule 10 are categorised as poor.

Revocation

13. The Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England)(No.2) Order 2005 (4) is revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

17th November 2006

Angela Smith
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Communities and Local
Government

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

4 Stars Authorities

Bexley London Borough Council
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council
Buckinghamshire County Council
Camden London Borough Council
Corporation of London
Darlington Borough Council
Derby City Council
Derbyshire County Council
Devon County Council
Durham County Council
Essex County Council
Halton Borough Council
Hampshire County Council
Hartlepool Borough Council
Hertfordshire County Council
Kensington & Chelsea Royal Borough Council
Kent County Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Lancashire County Council
Leeds City Council
Leicester City Council
Leicestershire County Council
Middlesbrough Borough Council
Nottinghamshire County Council
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Sheffield City Council
Shropshire County Council
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Sunderland City Council
Surrey County Council
Sutton London Borough Council
Tameside Metropolitan District Council
Telford & Wrekin District Council
Wandsworth London Borough Council

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Westminster City Council
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council
Worcestershire County Council

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

3 Stars Authorities

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Bath & North East Somerset District Council
Bournemouth Borough Council
Bracknell Forest Borough Council
Bradford City Council
Brent London Borough Council
Brighton & Hove City Council
Bromley London Borough Council
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Cheshire County Council
Cornwall County Council
Coventry City Council
Croydon London Borough Council
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
Dorset County Council
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Ealing London Borough Council
East Riding of Yorkshire District Council
East Sussex County Council
Enfield London Borough Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Gloucestershire County Council
Greenwich London Borough Council
Hammersmith & Fulham London Borough Council
Haringey London Borough Council
Herefordshire District Council
Hounslow London Borough Council
Islington London Borough Council
Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
Lewisham London Borough Council

Luton Borough Council
Manchester City Council
Medway District Council
Milton Keynes District Council
Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Newham London Borough Council
Norfolk County Council
North Lincolnshire District Council
North Yorkshire County Council
Northumberland County Council
Oxfordshire County Council
Poole Borough Council
Portsmouth City Council
Reading Borough Council
Richmond upon Thames London Borough Council
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Salford City Council
Slough Borough Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Somerset County Council
South Gloucestershire District Council
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Southampton City Council
Southwark London Borough Council
Suffolk County Council
Tower Hamlets London Borough Council
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Warrington Borough Council
Warwickshire County Council
West Sussex County Council
Wiltshire County Council
Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough Council
Wokingham District Council
Wolverhampton City Council
York District Council

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SCHEDULE 3

Article 5

2 Stars Authorities

Barking & Dagenham London Borough Council
Barnet London Borough Council
Birmingham City Council
Blackpool Borough Council
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
Harrow London Borough Council
Hillingdon London Borough Council
Isle of Wight County Council
Lambeth London Borough Council
Lincolnshire County Council
Liverpool City Metropolitan District Council
Merton London Borough Council
North Somerset District Council
North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Northamptonshire County Council
Nottingham City Council
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Peterborough City Council
Plymouth City Council
Redbridge London Borough Council
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Rutland District Council
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Staffordshire County Council
Stoke-On-Trent City Council
Swindon Borough Council
Thurrock Borough Council
Torbay District Council
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
West Berkshire District Council
Wirral Metropolitan District Council

SCHEDULE 4

Article 6

1 Star Authorities

Bedfordshire County Council
Bristol City Council
Cumbria County Council
Hackney London Borough Council
Havering London Borough Council
Isles of Scilly Council
Kingston upon Hull City Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Waltham Forest London Borough Council

SCHEDULE 5

Article 7

0 Star Authorities

North East Lincolnshire District Council

SCHEDULE 6

Article 8

Excellent Authorities

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
Blyth Valley Borough Council
Cambridge City Council
Canterbury City Council
Chester City Council
Chichester District Council
Chiltern District Council
Colchester Borough Council
Derbyshire Dales District Council
Easington District Council
Elmbridge Borough Council
Exeter City Council
Guildford Borough Council
Hambleton District Council
High Peak Borough Council
Horsham District Council
Huntingdonshire District Council
Maidstone Borough Council

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New Forest District Council
North Cornwall District Council
Runnymede Borough Council
Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council
South Hams District Council
Spelthorne Borough Council
Taunton Deane Borough Council
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Warwick District Council
Wellingborough Borough Council

SCHEDULE 7

Article 9

Good Authorities

Alnwick District Council
Arun District Council
Ashford Borough Council
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Babergh District Council
Bedford Borough Council
Bolsover District Council
Braintree District Council
Breckland District Council
Brentwood Borough Council
Broxbourne Borough Council
Burnley 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
Dacorum Borough Council
Dartford Borough Council
Derwentside District Council
East Cambridgeshire District Council
East Devon District Council

East Dorset District Council
East Hampshire District Council
East Hertfordshire District Council
Eastbourne Borough Council
Eastleigh Borough Council
Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council
Epping Forest District Council
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Fareham Borough Council
Gedling Borough Council
Gosport Borough Council
Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Harborough District Council
Hastings Borough Council
Havant Borough Council
Ipswich Borough Council
Kennet District Council
Kettering Borough Council
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council
Lewes District Council
Lichfield District Council
Macclesfield Borough Council
Maldon District Council
Mole Valley District Council
North Kesteven District Council
Oswestry Borough Council
Pendle Borough Council
Penwith District Council
Preston Borough Council
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
Rushcliffe Borough Council
Rushmoor Borough Council
Ryedale District Council
Salisbury District Council
Scarborough Borough Council
Sedgefield Borough Council
Sevenoaks District Council
South Bedfordshire District Council
South Norfolk District Council
South Oxfordshire District Council

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South Ribble Borough Council
South Shropshire District Council
St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Stevenage Borough Council
Stroud District Council
Tandridge District Council
Teignbridge District Council
Tendring District Council
Test Valley Borough Council
Three Rivers District Council
Tynedale District Council
Vale Royal Borough Council
Waverley Borough Council
Wealden District Council
West Devon Borough Council
West Lancashire District Council
West Oxfordshire District Council
Woking Borough Council
Wychavon District Council
Wycombe District Council

SCHEDULE 8

Article 10

Fair Authorities

Adur District Council
Allerdale Borough Council
Amber Valley Borough Council
Ashfield District Council
Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council
Basildon District Council
Bassetlaw District Council
Blaby District Council
Boston Borough Council
Bridgnorth District 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
Craven District Council
Crawley Borough Council
Daventry District Council
Dover District Council
Durham City Council
East Northamptonshire District Council
East Staffordshire Borough Council
Eden District Council
Fenland District Council
Forest Heath District Council
Gloucester City Council
Gravesham Borough Council
Harrogate Borough Council
Hart District Council
Hertsmere Borough Council
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
Hyndburn Borough Council
Kerrier District Council
Lancaster City Council
Lincoln City Council
Malvern Hills District Council
Melton Borough Council
Mid Bedfordshire District Council
Mid Suffolk District Council
Mid Sussex District Council
Newark and Sherwood District Council
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
North Hertfordshire District Council
North Norfolk District Council
North Warwickshire Borough Council
North Wiltshire District Council
Norwich City Council
Oadby & Wigston Borough Council
Purbeck District Council
Redditch Borough Council
Restormel Borough Council

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Ribble Valley Borough Council
Richmondshire District Council
Rother District Council
Rugby 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
St. Albans City Council
Stafford Borough Council
Suffolk Coastal District Council
Surrey Heath Borough Council
Swale Borough Council
Tamworth Borough Council
Tewkesbury Borough Council
Uttlesford District Council
Vale of White Horse District 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
Worcester City Council
Worthing Borough Council
Wyre Forest District Council

SCHEDULE 9

Article 11

Weak Authorities

Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council
Castle Morpeth Borough Council
Congleton Borough Council

Corby Borough Council
East Lindsey District Council
Erewash Borough Council
Forest of Dean District Council
Fylde 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 West Leicestershire District Council
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
Oxford City Council
Rochford District Council
Selby District Council
Shepway District Council
South Lakeland District Council
Stratford on Avon District Council
Thanet District Council
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Watford Borough Council
Waveney District Council
West Somerset District Council
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council
Wyre Borough Council

SCHEDULE 10

Article 12

Poor Authorities

Bromsgrove District Council
Castle Point Borough Council
Chester-le-Street District Council
Harlow District Council
North Shropshire District Council
Northampton Borough Council
Rossendale Borough Council
Teesdale District Council
Torrington District Council

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order categorises local authorities in England into ten categories according to performance, namely; 4 stars, 3 stars, 2 stars, 1 star, 0 stars, excellent, good, fair, weak and poor. The categorisation follows a report of the Audit Commission on 31st August 2006. A copy of the report may be obtained free of charge from Jean Sheward at the Department for Communities and Local Government, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU; telephone: 020 7944 8116 or email Jean.Sheward@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

Article 13 of this order revokes the Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) (No.2) Order 2005. A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business, charities, voluntary bodies or the public sector.