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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force in relation to Wales provisions of Part I of the Local Government Act 1999 (“the Act”). These provisions impose on local and other authorities requirements in connection with economy, efficiency and effectiveness. Section 27(3) of the Act gives the National Assembly for Wales power to bring those provisions into force in relation to Wales before the time appointed by section 27(1).

Article 2 of this Order brings the following provisions of the Act into force in relation to Wales on 1st October 1999 —

- section 1(1)(a), (b) and (g), (3) and (5)(a) (best value authorities: definition).
- section 2(1), (2), (3) and (5) (power to extend or disapply).
- section 3(2), (3) and (4) (the general duty: consultation, definition of “representatives” and guidance).
- section 4(1), (2), (3) and (4) (performance indicators and standards).
- section 5(2), (4), (5), (6) and (7) (best value reviews: orders and guidance).
- section 6 (best value performance plans).
- section 8(2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) (code of practice and fees).
- section 10(4) (inspections: guidance).
- section 12(1) and (4) (fees: prescription).
- section 19(1), (2) and (4) (contracts: exclusion of non-commercial considerations).
- section 20 (publication of information).
- section 22 (Audit Commission).
- section 23 (accounts).
- section 25(1), (2)(a), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) and (3) (co-ordination of inspections &c).
- section 26 (guidance: general).

Article 3 of this Order brings the following provisions of the Act into force in relation to Wales on 1st April 2000 —

- section 3(1) (the general duty).
- section 4(5) (duty of best value authorities to meet performance standards).
- section 5(1) and (3) (obligation of best value authorities to conduct reviews).
- section 7 (audit of best value performance plans).
- section 8(1) (obligation of auditor to have regard to any code of practice issued under section 8).
- section 9 (response to audit).
- section 10(1), (2) and (3) (best value inspections by the Audit Commission).
- section 11 (inspectors' powers and duties).
- section 12(2) and (3) (fees payable for best value inspections).
- section 13 (inspection reports).

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Local Government Act 1999 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 1999. (See end of Document for details)

section 15 (enforcement powers).

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