



## 2011 CHAPTER 25

### **Part 2**

#### Local development plans

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#### **Joint plans**

17.—(1) Two or more councils may agree to prepare—

- (a) a joint plan strategy; or
- (b) a joint plan strategy and joint local policies plan.

(2) This Part applies for the purposes of any step which may be or is required to be taken in relation to a joint plan strategy or a joint local policies plan as it applies for the purposes of any step which may be or is required to be taken in relation to a plan strategy or local policies plan.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) anything which must be done by or in relation to a council in connection with a plan strategy or a local policies plan must be done by or in relation to each of the councils mentioned in subsection (1) in connection with a joint plan strategy or local policies plan.

(4) Subsections (5) to (7) apply if a council withdraws from an agreement mentioned in subsection (1).

(5) Any step taken in relation to the joint plan strategy or joint local policies plan must be treated as a step taken by—

- (a) a council which was a party to the agreement for the purposes of any corresponding plan strategy or corresponding local policies plan prepared by it;

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- (b) two or more other councils who were parties to the agreement for the purposes of any corresponding joint plan strategy or corresponding joint local policies plan.
- (6) Any independent examination of a plan strategy or a local policies plan to which the agreement relates must be suspended.
- (7) If before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection a council which was a party to the agreement requests the Department in writing to do so the Department may direct that—
  - (a) the examination is resumed in relation to the corresponding plan strategy or corresponding local policies plan;
  - (b) any step taken for the purposes of the suspended examination has effect for the purposes of the resumed examination.
- (8) In this section and in section 18—
  - (a) a joint plan strategy is a plan strategy prepared jointly by two or more councils;
  - (b) a joint local policies plan is a local policies plan prepared jointly by two or more councils.
- (9) The Department may by regulations make provision as to what is—
  - (a) a corresponding plan strategy;
  - (b) a corresponding local policies plan.

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 17 in operation at 13.2.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/49, art. 2, Sch. 1](#)
- I2** S. 17 in operation at 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2015/49, art. 3, Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended (16.3.2016) by [S.R. 2016/159, art. 2](#))

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