



Local Government Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 27

PART I

BEST VALUE

[^{F1}Duties: general]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 3 heading substituted (1.4.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#) (c. 28), s. 245(5), [Sch. 8 para. 5](#); S.I. 2008/917, art. 2(1)(e)

3 The general duty.

- (1) A best value authority must make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- (2) For the purpose of deciding how to fulfil the duty arising under subsection (1) an authority must consult—
 - (a) representatives of persons liable to pay any tax, precept or levy to or in respect of the authority,
 - (b) representatives of persons liable to pay non-domestic rates in respect of any area within which the authority carries out functions,
 - (c) representatives of persons who use or are likely to use services provided by the authority, and
 - (d) representatives of persons appearing to the authority to have an interest in any area within which the authority carries out functions.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) “representatives” in relation to a group of persons means persons who appear to the authority to be representative of that group.

[^{F2}(4) In deciding—

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- (a) how to fulfil the duty arising under subsection (1),
 - (b) who to consult under subsection (2), or
 - (c) the form, content and timing of consultations under that subsection,
- an authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.]

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 3(4) substituted (1.4.2008) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\)](#), **ss. 137**, 245(5); [S.I. 2008/591](#), art. 2(a); [S.I. 2008/917](#), art. 2(1)(b)

Commencement Information

I1 S. 3 wholly in force at 1.4.2000; s. 3 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 27 ; s. 3(2)-(4) in force (E.) at 10.8.1999 and (W.) for certain purposes at 10.8.1999 by [S.I. 1999/2169](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 1**; s. 3(1) in force (E.) at 1.4.2000 and (W.) for certain purposes at 1.4.2000 by [S.I. 1999/2169](#), art. 4(2), **Sch. 3**; s. 3(2)-(4) in force (W.) at 1.10.1999 by [S.I. 1999/2815](#), **art. 2**; s. 3(1) in force (W.) at 1.4.2000 by [S.I. 1999/2815](#), **art. 3**

F3A Involvement of local representatives

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Textual Amendments

F3 S. 3A omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 103(1)**, 115(3)(l)

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