



Local Government Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 27

PART I

BEST VALUE

[^{F1}Duties: general]

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.
- ^{F1}(4) In deciding—
- (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.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Government Act 1999, Section 3. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** 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](#)

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