

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY

Part 8 - Environmental Functions

10. **Sections 37 to 44** concern the Authority's role in waste, climate change and energy. Sections 37 to 39 deal with waste. Section 37 provides that London waste authorities must exercise some of their waste collection and disposal functions in general conformity with the Mayor's municipal waste management strategy. Section 38 establishes a new London Waste and Recycling Board and section 39 extends the requirement for waste authorities to inform the Mayor if they intend to tender for a waste contract.

11. **Sections 40 to 44** deal with climate change and energy. Section 40 amends section 30 of the GLA Act 1999 to require the Authority to consider the effects that any proposed exercise of its general power under that section would have on climate change, and the consequences of climate change. If the Authority decides to exercise its powers, it must do so in a way which is best calculated to contribute towards the mitigation of, or adaptation to, climate change in the United Kingdom. Section 41 amends section 41 of the 1999 Act to require the Mayor to have regard to climate change and the consequences of climate change, when preparing his strategies. It also requires the Mayor to include such policies and proposals in his strategies which he considers best calculated to contribute towards the mitigation of, or adaptation to, climate change in the United Kingdom. Section 42 introduces a duty on each of the Mayor and the Assembly to address climate change. Sections 43 and 44 require the Mayor to prepare and publish a London climate change mitigation and energy strategy and an adaptation to climate change strategy for London.