

*These notes refer to the Local Transport Act 2008 (c.26)  
which received Royal Assent on 26 November 2008*

# **LOCAL TRANSPORT ACT 2008**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND**

#### ***Local charging schemes***

#### ***Legal background***

17. Part 3 of the TA 2000 includes provisions relating to local charging schemes in England and Wales. These provisions set out the conditions under which a local authority outside Greater London can set up a charging scheme in relation to roads for which they are the local traffic authority. The Greater London Authority Act 1999 (“the GLA Act 1999”) included powers for Transport for London, the London boroughs and the Common Council to establish charging schemes in their areas. The GLA Act 1999 provides the vires for the London Congestion Charge and the London Low Emission Zone. The Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 includes provisions relating to charging schemes in Scotland.

\*A *local traffic authority* is a traffic authority, other than the Secretary of State, which has functions under Part 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

\*The *Common Council* is the Common Council of the City of London.

#### ***The Act***

18. Provisions in the Act allow ITAs to make a charging scheme jointly with local traffic authorities, provide that local charging authorities will no longer require the approval of the Secretary of State for their schemes, and make a number of other miscellaneous amendments to the provisions of the GLA Act 1999 and the TA 2000.