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LOCAL TRANSPORT ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF STRUCTURE

19. The Act is organised in eight Parts and seven Schedules.
20. *Part 1* contains provisions relating to traffic commissioners.
21. *Part 2* amends Part 2 of the TA 2000, in particular the duties on local transport authorities to develop transport policies and prepare and publish local transport plans and bus strategies.
22. *Part 3* contains provisions relating to local bus services, amending in particular Part 2 of, and Schedule 10 to, the TA 2000.
23. *Part 4* contains a number of general provisions relating to passenger transport, amending various sections of the Transport Act 1968 (“TA 1968”), the PPVA 1981, the TA 1985, the TA 2000 and other enactments.
24. *Part 5* makes provision relating to Integrated Transport Authorities (“ITAs”).
25. *Part 6* amends provisions relating to local and London charging schemes in Part 3 of, and Schedule 12 to, the TA 2000 and Schedule 23 to the GLA Act 1999.
26. *Part 7* contains miscellaneous provisions relating to the powers of the National Assembly for Wales, certain aspects of the regulatory regime for goods vehicles, and the disclosure and use of information about foreign-registered vehicles, as well as amending the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, the Traffic Management Act 2004 and the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.
27. *Part 8* contains supplementary provisions.
28. *Schedule 1* substitutes references to “local transport policies” (as defined by a new provision inserted by Part 2) in place of certain references in the TA 2000 to local transport plans or bus strategies.
29. *Schedule 2* amends provisions in Schedule 10 to the TA 2000, which applies a competition test to the exercise of certain functions by local transport authorities. It also inserts a new competition test, applying to voluntary partnership agreements and certain other agreements, and makes specific provision for investigation and enforcement action to be taken by the Office of Fair Trading in relation to such agreements.
30. *Schedule 3* contains provisions empowering the Secretary of State to put in place a new enforcement regime for certain public service vehicles operated without a valid operator’s licence.
31. *Schedule 4* contains amendments to various enactments, consequential on the provisions in Part 5 under which passenger transport areas and metropolitan county passenger transport authorities in England and Wales are to be known as integrated transport areas and Integrated Transport Authorities (“ITAs”) respectively.

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32. *Schedule 5* contains minor and consequential amendments to the TA 2000, relating to provisions in Part 5 that introduce the name “ITA”, and in Part 6 that allow ITAs to make local charging schemes jointly with local traffic authorities.
33. *Schedule 6* amends Schedule 12 to the TA 2000, which contains financial provisions relating to charging schemes under Part 3 of that Act, and Schedule 23 to the GLA Act 1999.
34. *Schedule 7* contains repeals relating to Parts 2 to 6 of the Act.