



# Localism Act 2011

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### PART 1

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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#### GENERAL POWERS OF AUTHORITIES

- 4 Limits on doing things for commercial purpose in exercise of general power**
- (1) The general power confers power on a local authority to do things for a commercial purpose only if they are things which the authority may, in exercise of the general power, do otherwise than for a commercial purpose.
  - (2) Where, in exercise of the general power, a local authority does things for a commercial purpose, the authority must do them through a company.
  - (3) A local authority may not, in exercise of the general power, do things for a commercial purpose in relation to a person if a statutory provision requires the authority to do those things in relation to the person.
  - (4) In this section “company” means—
    - (a) a company within the meaning given by section 1(1) of the Companies Act 2006, or
    - (b) a society registered or deemed to be registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions Act 1965 or the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.