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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1981 No. 316

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES**
**The Local Government (Allowances)  
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1981**

*Made* - - - - 3rd March 1981

*Laid before Parliament* 11th March 1981

*Coming into Operation* 1st April 1981

The Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 177A and 178 of the Local Government Act 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations in relation respectively to England and to Wales:—

*Title and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981

*Interpretation*

2. In these regulations “the Act” means the Local Government Act 1972.

3. The Local Government (Allowances) Regulations 1974(b) shall be amended as follows.

*Records of allowances paid*

4. In regulation 5(1) for the words “sections 173 to 175” there shall be substituted the words “sections 173, 175 and 177A.”

*Special responsibility allowance*

5. After regulation 8 there shall be inserted the following:—

*“Special responsibility allowance*

**8A.—**(1) Any allowance paid by a principal council under section 177A of the Act in any financial year shall not exceed the rate of:—

(a) one third of the total amount available for the payment of allowances under that section in that financial year or £4,000 whichever is the less, or

(b) where one third of the total so available is less than £400, £400.

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(a) 1972 c. 70; section 177A was inserted and section 178 was amended by section 26 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65).

(b) S.I. 1974/447, to which there were amendments not relevant to these regulations.

(2) In any financial year the allowances paid under section 177A of the Act shall not exceed in total, in the case of—

- (a) the Greater London Council, £45,000;
- (b) an outer London borough, £9,000;
- (c) an inner London borough, £5,000;
- (d) a principal council of a class described in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these regulations, the figure specified in respect of such class in column 2 of that Schedule.”.

“SCHEDULE 2

Column 1	Column 2
1. A metropolitan county council the population of whose area exceeds 2 million	£12,000
2. Any other metropolitan county council	£10,500
3. A non-metropolitan county council or a metropolitan district council the population of whose area—	
(a) exceeds 1 million	£15,000
(b) exceeds 500,000 but does not exceed 1 million	£14,000
(c) exceeds 250,000 but does not exceed 500,000	£10,000
(d) does not exceed 250,000	£9,000
4. A non-metropolitan district council the population of whose area—	
(a) exceeds 400,000	£5,000
(b) exceeds 200,000 but does not exceed 400,000	£4,000
(c) exceeds 150,000 but does not exceed 200,000	£3,000
(d) exceeds 100,000 but does not exceed 150,000	£2,000
(e) does not exceed 100,000	£1,000”

27th February 1981.

*Michael R. D. Heseltine,*  
Secretary of State for the Environment.

Signed by authority of the  
Secretary of State for Wales  
3rd March 1981.

*Wyn Roberts,*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
for Wales.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations specify the maximum rates of special responsibility allowances which may be paid by principal councils under section 177A of the Local Government Act 1972 and also the total amounts which a principal council may pay by way of such allowances in any financial year. The regulations also require every principal council which makes a payment under section 177A of the 1972 Act to keep a record of that payment.

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