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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2954**

**COMMUNITY CHARGES,  
ENGLAND AND WALES  
COUNCIL TAX, ENGLAND AND WALES  
RATING AND VALUATION**

The Local Government Changes for England  
(Valuation Tribunals) Regulations 1997

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>11th December 1997</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>18th December 1997</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>		
<i>for the purposes of</i>		
<i>paragraphs (2) to (5) of</i>		
<i>regulation 3</i>		<i>8th January 1998</i>
<i>for all other purposes</i>		<i>1st April 1998</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 140(4), 143(1) and (2) of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 11 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988<sup>(1)</sup>, and sections 19(1) and 26(3) of the Local Government Act 1992<sup>(2)</sup>, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Local Government Changes for England (Valuation Tribunals) Regulations 1997 and shall come into force—

- (a) for the purposes of paragraphs (2) to (5) of regulation 3, on 8th January 1998, and
- (b) for all other purposes on 1st April 1998.

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(1) 1988 c. 41.  
(2) 1992 c. 19.

### **Amendment of the principal regulations**

2.—(1) The Valuation and Community Charge Tribunals Regulations 1989(3) (“the principal regulations”) are amended as follows.

(2) For regulation 3(4) there is substituted—

#### **“Establishment of tribunals**

3. There shall continue to be a valuation tribunal for each of the areas ascertained in accordance with column 2 of Schedule 1; and each tribunal shall be known by the name ascertained in accordance with column 1 with the addition of the words “Valuation Tribunal”.

(3) For Schedule 1 to the principal regulations there is substituted Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

### **Transitional provision**

3.—(1) Each member of a tribunal mentioned in column 1 of Schedule 2 holding office as such at the end of 31st March 1998 shall continue to hold such office until it terminates in accordance with regulation 6(2) of the principal regulations(5).

(2) Paragraph (3) applies to any vacancy in the membership of a tribunal mentioned in column 1 of Schedule 2—

- (a) created by an increase effective on 1st April 1998 in the number of its members;
- (b) existing on that date by reason of the failure of an appointing body to make an appointment before that date, or
- (c) occurring on or after that date.

(3) Notwithstanding regulation 4(5) of the principal regulations(6), a vacancy to which this paragraph applies shall be filled by the body or bodies mentioned in relation to the tribunal in column 2 of Schedule 2.

(4) Where one body is so mentioned in relation to a tribunal, it shall fill all vacancies to which paragraph (3) applies until the number of vacancies so specified in column 3 of Schedule 2 has been filled in pursuance of this regulation.

(5) Where more than one body is so mentioned, each shall, in the order in which it is mentioned, fill the number of vacancies to which paragraph (3) applies until the number mentioned in column 3 of Schedule 2 in relation to each such body has been filled, and so on in rotation, until each such body has appointed the full number of members of the tribunal which it is entitled to appoint under regulation 4 of the principal regulations.

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(3) S.I.1989/439, amended by S.I. 1991/1, S.I. 1993/292, S.I. 1995/363, S.I. 1995/624, S.I. 1995/3056, S.I. 1996/43 and S.I. 1997/75 (which substitutes the Schedule superseded by this regulation). Valuation and community charge tribunals were renamed valuation tribunals by section 15(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14).

(4) Amended by S.I. 1993/292.

(5) Regulation 6(2) is amended by S.I. 1995/363 and S.I. 1997/75.

(6) Regulation 4 is substituted by S.I. 1997/75.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

11th December 1997

*Hilary Armstrong*  
Minister of State,  
Department of the Environment, Transport and  
the Regions

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## SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(3)

## TRIBUNAL MEMBERSHIP

1 <i>Name of tribunal</i>	2 <i>Area of jurisdiction</i>	3 <i>Appointing body or bodies</i>	4 <i>Numbers</i>
The name of the county	Each of the following: Cornwall, Cumbria, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Suffolk, Surrey, Warwickshire, West Sussex and the Isle of Wight  Merseyside, South Yorkshire, Tyne and Wear and West Yorkshire	The council of the county  The councils of the districts in the county	
Bedfordshire	Bedfordshire and Luton	Bedfordshire County Council  Luton Borough Council	2  1
Berkshire	Berkshire	Bracknell Forest Borough Council  Newbury District Council(7)  Reading Borough Council  Slough Borough Council  Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council  Wokingham District Council	1  2  2  2  2  1
Birmingham	The City of Birmingham	Birmingham City Council	

(7) The district of Newbury is re-named the district of West Berkshire with effect from 1st April 1998.

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Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes	Buckinghamshire County Council	3
		Milton Keynes Borough Council	1
Cambridgeshire	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Cambridgeshire County Council	3
		Peterborough City Council	1
Central London	The City of London, the City of Westminster, the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple	Westminster City Council and the Common Council	
Cheshire	Cheshire, Halton and Warrington	Cheshire County Council	7
		Halton Borough Council	1
		Warrington Borough Council	2
Coventry and Solihull	Coventry and Solihull	Coventry City Council and Solihull Borough Council	
Derbyshire	Derbyshire and Derby	Derbyshire County Council	7
		Derby City Council	2
Devon	Devon, Plymouth and Torbay	Devon County Council	5
		Plymouth City Council	1
		Torbay Borough Council	1
Dorset	Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole	Dorset County Council	6
		Bournemouth Borough Council	3
		Poole Borough Council	2
Durham	Durham and Darlington	Durham County Council	5

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		Darlington Borough Council	1
East Sussex	East Sussex and Brighton and Hove	East Sussex County Council	2
		Brighton and Hove District Council	1
East Yorkshire	The East Riding of Yorkshire, Kingston-upon-Hull, Selby and York	North Yorkshire County Council	1
		East Riding District Council	3
		Kingston-upon-Hull City Council	2
		York City Council	1
Essex North	Braintree, Chelmsford, Colchester, Maldon, Tendring and Uttlesford	Essex County Council	
Essex South	Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Epping Forest, Harlow, Rochford, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock	Essex County Council	9
		Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	4
		Thurrock Borough Council	2
Hampshire North	Basingstoke and Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor, Test Valley and Winchester	Hampshire County Council	
Hampshire South	Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, New Forest, Portsmouth and Southampton	Hampshire County Council	5
		Portsmouth City Council	1
		Southampton City Council	1
Herefordshire and Worcestershire	Herefordshire and Worcestershire	Worcestershire County Council	3
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		County of Herefordshire District Council	
Isles of Scilly	The Isles of Scilly	The Council of the Isles of Scilly	
Kent	Kent and the Medway Towns	Kent County Council	8
		The Medway Towns District Council	1
Lancashire	Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool	Lancashire County Council	15
		Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	2
		Blackpool Borough Council	3
Leicestershire	Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland	Leicestershire County Council	14
		Leicester City Council	10
		Rutland District Council	1
Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire County Council	4
		North East Lincolnshire District Council	1
		North Lincolnshire District Council	1
London North East	Barking and Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Islington, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest	The councils of the boroughs in the area	
London North West	Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Enfield, Haringey, Harrow and Hillingdon	The councils of the boroughs in the area	

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London South East	Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark	The councils of the boroughs in the area	
London South West	Hammersmith and Fulham, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, Kingston-upon-Thames, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth	The councils of the boroughs in the area	
Manchester North	Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Tameside, Rochdale and Wigan		
Manchester South	Manchester, Salford, Stockport and Trafford	The councils of the districts in the area	The councils of the districts in the area
North Yorkshire	North Yorkshire other than Selby and York	North Yorkshire County Council	
Nottinghamshire	Nottinghamshire and Nottingham	Nottinghamshire County Council	2
		Nottingham City Council	1
Sevenside	Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire	The councils of the districts in the area	
Shropshire	Shropshire and The Wrekin	Shropshire County Council	3
		The Wrekin District Council	1
Staffordshire	Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent	Staffordshire County Council	3
		Stoke-on-Trent City Council	1
Teesside	Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees	The councils of the districts in the area	
West Midlands West	Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton	The councils of the districts in the area	



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Wiltshire	Wiltshire and Swindon	Wiltshire County Council	5
		Swindon Borough Council	2

## SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 3

## TRANSITIONAL VACANCIES

<i>Tribunal</i>	<i>Appointing bodies</i>	<i>Number of vacancies</i>
Berkshire	Reading Borough Council	3
	Slough Borough Council	3
	Newbury District Council	3
	Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council	3
	Bracknell Forest Borough Council	3
	Wokingham District Council	
Cambridgeshire	Peterborough City Council	12
Cheshire	Warrington Borough Council	2
	Halton Borough Council	1
Devon	Plymouth City Council	2
	Torbay Borough Council	2
Essex South	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	2
	Thurrock Borough Council	1
Herefordshire and Worcestershire	County of Herefordshire District Council	8
Kent	The Medway Towns District Council	5
Lancashire	Blackpool Borough Council	3
	Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	2

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<i>Tribunal</i>	<i>Appointing bodies</i>	<i>Number of vacancies</i>
Nottinghamshire	Nottingham City Council	18
Shropshire	The Wrekin District Council	9

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Under Part II of the Local Government Act 1992, where recommendations for changes to local government in England are made by the Local Government Commission, the Secretary of State may make an order (a “reorganisation order”).

The Regulations make amendments to the arrangements for valuation tribunals in areas where local authorities are affected by structural changes made by reorganisation orders which take effect from 1st April 1998. The Regulations amend the Valuation and Community Charges Tribunals Regulations 1989, which established valuation tribunals.

Regulation 2 makes new provision for appointments to the Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Devon, Essex South, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, Kent, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire and Shropshire Valuation Tribunals.

Regulation 3 makes transitional provision for the filling of vacancies in the membership of these tribunals.