



Local Government Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 10

PART II

LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY

[^{F1}4A Power to direct compliance with code

- (1) The Secretary of State may direct one or more specified local authorities in England to comply with a code issued under section 4 that applies to that authority or those authorities.
- (2) A direction may require compliance with—
 - (a) one or more specified provisions of a code, or
 - (b) all of the provisions of a specified code.
- (3) A direction may—
 - (a) specify the steps that an authority to which it is given must take to comply with it;
 - (b) specify the time within which such an authority must comply with it.
- (4) The Secretary of State may give a direction to an authority whether or not the Secretary of State thinks that the authority is complying with the code to which it relates.
- (5) Before giving a direction to an authority, the Secretary of State must give the authority notice in writing of the proposed direction.
- (6) The Secretary of State may not give a direction to an authority before the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which notice under subsection (5) was given to it.
- (7) The authority may make written representations to the Secretary of State about the proposed direction within that period.
- (8) The Secretary of State may modify or withdraw a direction under this section by notice in writing to the authority or authorities to which it was given.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Government Act 1986, Section 4A. (See end of Document for details)

- (9) Subsections (5) to (7) apply to the modification or withdrawal of a direction as they apply to the giving of a direction, but as if—
- (a) the reference to the proposed direction were to the proposed modification or proposal to withdraw the direction, and
 - (b) subsection (6) permitted the Secretary of State to withdraw the direction before the end of the 14 day period with the agreement of the authorities to which it applies.
- (10) In this section “ specified ” means specified in a direction under this section.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 4A, 4B inserted (E.W.) (30.3.2014) by [Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 \(c. 2\)](#), **ss. 39(1), 49(2)**

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