STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 517

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*at 12.05 p.m. on 14th May 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*at 3.00 p.m. on 14th May 2026*
Coming into force - -	*4th June 2026*

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 5BA to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**a**) and paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 2A to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023(**b**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Order 2026.

(2) This Order comes into force on 4th June 2026.

(3) This Order extends to England and Wales.

Amendment of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017

2.—(1) The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017(**c**) is amended as follows.

(2) After article 16 (independent remuneration panels) insert—

"Relevant remuneration panels in relation to payment of allowances to commissioners

17. An independent remuneration panel established by a combined authority or combined county authority, as the case may be, in accordance with article 16(1)(b) is specified as a relevant remuneration panel for the purposes of—

(a) in relation to a combined authority, paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 5BA to the 2009 Act;

(**a**) 2009 c. 20. Schedule 5BA was inserted by section 9(7) of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to, the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (c. 23).
(**b**) 2023 c. 55. Schedule 2A was inserted by section 9(7) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to, the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (c. 23).
(**c**) S.I. 2017/68, amended by S.I. 2018/1133, 2019/1458, 2024/430.

(b) in relation to a combined county authority, paragraph 7(4) of Schedule 2A to the 2023 Act.".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Taylor of Stevenage
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
At 12.05 p.m. on 14th May 2026 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Schedule 3 to the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (c. 23) inserts Schedule 2A into the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55) ("the 2023 Act") and Schedule 5BA into the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20) ("the 2009 Act"). These Schedules apply to commissioners, who can be appointed by the mayor of a combined authority ("CA") or combined county authority ("CCA") to assist in the exercise of mayoral functions. CAs and CCAs may make a scheme for the payment of allowances to commissioners, subject to the CA or CCA having considered a report published by a relevant remuneration panel. These panels make recommendations for the allowances to commissioners provided for in the scheme and the allowances payable must not exceed these recommendations.

This Order amends the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 to specify independent remuneration panels established by CAs and CCAs under article 16(1)(b) of that Order as relevant remuneration panels for the purposes of Schedule 2A of the 2023 Act and Schedule 5BA of the 2009 Act.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no significant impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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