STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 1118

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (Consequential Amendments) (Precepts) (England) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*22nd October 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*23rd October 2026*
Coming into force - -	*13th November 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 105(2) and 103(1) of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026(**a**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (Consequential Amendments) (Precepts) (England) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 13th November 2026.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Amendment of the Combined Authorities (Finance) Order 2017

2.—(1) The Combined Authorities (Finance) Order 2017(**b**) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 2 (interpretation), in the definition of "the relevant amounts and calculations", for "the mayor's general functions" substitute "the functions of the authority".

(3) In article 3 (costs of mayor to be met from precepts)—

(a) in the heading, omit "of mayor";

(b) in paragraph (1), for "The costs of a mayor that are incurred in, or in connection with, the exercise of mayoral functions" substitute "The costs incurred in, or in connection with, the exercise of the functions of the authority".

(4) In the heading of Part 3, for "mayor's general functions" substitute "functions of the authority".

(5) In article 5(2)(a) (mayor to notify combined authority or CCA of proposed budget: general component), for "mayor's general functions" substitute "functions of the authority".

(**a**) 2026 c. 23.
(**b**) S.I. 2017/611, amended by S.I. 2024/652.

(6) In article 12 (disapplication of power to issue precepts for the financial year 2017/2018 and subsequent years in certain cases), in paragraphs (2) and (3) for "mayoral functions" in each place where it occurs substitute "functions of the authority".

(7) In the Schedule, in paragraph 2(a), in the subsection (3A) treated as inserted into section 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992(**a**), for "mayor's general functions" substitute "functions of the authority".

Amendment of the West of England Combined Authority Order 2017

3. In article 6 of the West of England Combined Authority Order 2017(**b**)(funding), omit paragraph (6).

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

Jim McMahon
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
22nd October 2026 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

(**a**) 1992 c. 14. Section 42A was inserted by section 75 of the Localism Act 2011 (c. 20).
(**b**) S.I. 2017/126, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 (c. 23) ("the 2026 Act") amends the arrangements for the issuing of precepts by mayoral combined authorities and mayoral combined county authorities. Section 12 of the 2026 Act removes the restriction under which precepts may be issued only in respect of mayoral functions.

These Regulations make amendments to secondary legislation consequential on those changes.

Regulation 2 amends the Combined Authorities (Finance) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/611), which makes provision about the issuing of precepts, budget-setting and related financial arrangements for mayoral combined authorities and mayoral combined county authorities. The amendments reflect the extension of the precepting arrangements from mayoral functions to the functions of the authority more generally.

Regulation 3 amends the West of England Combined Authority Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/126) by removing the restriction in article 6(6) of that Order on the issuing of a precept by the West of England Combined Authority.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no significant impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen. An impact assessment has been produced in relation to the 2026 Act and is available at https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/63710/documents/7405 or from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government at 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

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