STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 3211

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) (No. 2) Order 2004

Made - - - -	*6th December 2004*
Laid before Parliament	*10th December 2004*
Coming into force - -	*31st December 2004*

The First Secretary of State, having received a report from the Audit Commission(**a**) produced under section 99(1) of the Local Government Act 2003(**b**), in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 99(4) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) (No.2) Order 2004 and shall come into force on 31st December 2004.

(2) This Order applies in relation to English local authorities(**c**).

Categorisation report

2. The English local authorities, to which the report of the Audit Commission dated 8th November 2004 relates, are, by this Order, categorised in accordance with their categorisation in that report.

Excellent authorities

3. The local authorities listed in Schedule 1 to this Order are categorised as excellent.

Good authorities

4. The local authorities listed in Schedule 2 to this Order are categorised as good.

Fair authorities

5. The local authorities listed in Schedule 3 to this Order are categorised as fair.

(**a**) For the definition of "the Audit Commission", *see* section 99(7) of the Local Government Act 2003.
(**b**) 2003 c.26. The report of the Audit Commission consists of a letter from the Chief Executive of the Audit Commission to the Minister for Local and Regional Government dated 8th November 2004 with the attached list of local authorities categorised by the Audit Commission as of that date.
(**c**) For the definition of "English local authority", *see* section 99(7) of the Local Government Act 2003.

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Weak authorities

6. The local authorities listed in Schedule 4 to this Order are categorised as weak.

Poor authorities

7. The local authorities listed in Schedule 5 to this Order are categorised as poor.

Revocation

8. The Local Authorities (Categorisation) (England) Order 2004(**a**) is revoked.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State

Nick Raynsford
Minister of State
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

6th December 2004

(**a**) S.I. 2004 No.1704.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Excellent Authorities

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

Bexley London Borough Council

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Blyth Valley Borough Council

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

Cambridge City Council

Camden London Borough Council

Canterbury City Council

Cheshire County Council

Chester City Council

Chichester District Council

Chiltern District Council

Colchester Borough Council

Cornwall County Council

Corporation of London

Derbyshire County Council

Derbyshire Dales District Council

Dorset County Council

Durham County Council

Easington District Council

East Riding of Yorkshire District Council

Elmbridge Borough Council

Exeter City Council

Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council

Guildford Borough Council

Hambleton District Council

Hammersmith & Fulham London Borough Council

Hampshire County Council

Hartlepool Borough Council

Hertfordshire County Council

High Peak Borough Council

Horsham District Council

Huntingdonshire District Council

Kensington & Chelsea Royal Borough Council

Kent County Council

Kingston Upon Thames Royal Borough Council

Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council

Maidstone Borough Council

New Forest District Council

North Cornwall District Council

North Lincolnshire District Council

Runnymede Borough Council

Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council

South Hams District Council

Spelthorne Borough Council

St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Sunderland City Council

Tameside Metropolitan District Council

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Telford & Wrekin District Council

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

Wandsworth London Borough Council

Warwick District Council

Wellingborough Borough Council

West Sussex County Council

Westminster City Council

Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Good Authorities

Alnwick District Council

Arun District Council

Ashford Borough Council

Aylesbury Vale District Council

Bath & North East Somerset District Council

Bedford Borough Council

Bolsover District Council

Bracknell Forest Borough Council

Bradford City Council

Braintree District Council

Breckland District Council

Brentwood Borough Council

Broxbourne Borough Council

Buckinghamshire County Council

Burnley Borough Council

Cambridgeshire County Council

Carlisle City Council

Carrick District Council

Chelmsford Borough Council

Cheltenham Borough Council

Cherwell District Council

Chesterfield Borough Council

Cotswold District Council

Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council

Croydon London Borough Council

Dacorum Borough Council

Darlington Borough Council

Dartford Borough Council

Derby City Council

Derwentside District Council

Devon County Council

East Cambridgeshire District Council

East Devon District Council

East Dorset District Council

East Hampshire District Council

East Hertfordshire District Council

East Sussex County Council

Eastbourne Borough Council

Eastleigh Borough Council

Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council

Epping Forest District Council

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

Essex County Council

Fareham Borough Council

Gedling Borough Council

Gloucestershire County Council

Gosport Borough Council

Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Greenwich London Borough Council

Halton Borough Council

Harborough District Council

Hastings Borough Council

Havant Borough Council

Herefordshire District Council

Ipswich Borough Council

Kennet District Council

Kettering Borough Council

Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Lancashire County Council

Leeds City Council

Leicester City Council

Leicestershire County Council

Lewes District Council

Lewisham London Borough Council

Lichfield District Council

Liverpool City Metropolitan District Council

Luton Borough Council

Macclesfield Borough Council

Maldon District Council

Manchester City Council

Medway District Council

Middlesbrough Borough Council

Mole Valley District Council

Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council

Newham London Borough Council

Norfolk County Council

North Kesteven District Council

North Yorkshire County Council

Northumberland County Council

Nottinghamshire County Council

Oswestry Borough Council

Pendle Borough Council

Penwith District Council

Poole Borough Council

Portsmouth City Council

Preston Borough Council

Reading Borough Council

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Richmond Upon Thames London Borough Council

Rushcliffe Borough Council

Rushmoor Borough Council

Ryedale District Council

Salisbury District Council

Scarborough Borough Council

Sedgefield Borough Council

Sevenoaks District Council

Sheffield City Council

Shropshire County Council

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

South Bedfordshire District Council

South Gloucestershire District Council

South Norfolk District Council

South Oxfordshire District Council

South Ribble Borough Council

South Shropshire District Council

Southampton City Council

Southwark London Borough Council

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Stevenage Borough Council

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Stroud District Council

Suffolk County Council

Surrey County Council

Sutton London Borough Council

Tandridge District Council

Teignbridge District Council

Tendring District Council

Test Valley Borough Council

Three Rivers District Council

Tower Hamlets London Borough Council

Tynedale District Council

Vale Royal Borough Council

Warrington Borough Council

Warwickshire County Council

Waverley Borough Council

Wealden District Council

West Devon Borough Council

West Lancashire District Council

West Oxfordshire District Council

Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough Council

Woking Borough Council

Wokingham District Council

Worcestershire County Council

Wychavon District Council

Wycombe District Council

York District Council

SCHEDULE 3

Article 5

Fair Authorities

Adur District Council

Allerdale Borough Council

Ashfield District Council

Barking & Dagenham London Borough Council

Barnet London Borough Council

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council

Basildon District Council

Bassetlaw District Council

Blaby District Council

Blackpool Borough Council

Boston Borough Council

Bournemouth Borough Council

Brent London Borough Council

Bridgnorth District Council

Brighton & Hove City Council

Bristol City Council

Broadland District Council

Broxtowe Borough Council

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council

Cannock Chase District Council

Caradon District Council

Charnwood Borough Council

Chorley Borough Council

Christchurch Borough Council

Copeland Borough Council

Craven District Council

Crawley Borough Council

Daventry District Council

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

Dover District Council

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Durham City Council

Ealing London Borough Council

East Northamptonshire District Council

East Staffordshire Borough Council

Eden District Council

Enfield London Borough Council

Fenland District Council

Gloucester City Council

Gravesham Borough Council

Harrogate Borough Council

Harrow London Borough Council

Hart District Council

Hertsmere Borough Council

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Hounslow London Borough Council

Hyndburn Borough Council

Isle of Wight County Council

Isles of Scilly Council

Kerrier District Council

Lancaster City Council

Lincoln City Council

Lincolnshire County Council

Melton Borough Council

Mid Bedfordshire District Council

Mid Sussex District Council

Milton Keynes District Council

Newark and Sherwood District Council

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

North Hertfordshire District Council

North Norfolk District Council

North Somerset District Council

North Warwickshire Borough Council

North Wiltshire District Council

Norwich City Council

Nottingham City Council

Oxfordshire County Council

Peterborough City Council

Purbeck District Council

Redbridge London Borough Council

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Restormel Borough Council

Ribble Valley Borough Council

Richmondshire District Council

Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council

Rother District Council

Rugby Borough Council

Rutland District Council

Sedgemoor District Council

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

Slough Borough Council

Somerset County Council

South Buckinghamshire District Council

South Cambridgeshire District Council

South Derbyshire District Council

South Holland District Council

South Kesteven District Council

South Northamptonshire District Council

South Somerset District Council

South Staffordshire District Council

South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

St. Albans City Council

Stafford Borough Council

Staffordshire County Council

Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Surrey Heath Borough Council

Swale Borough Council

Tamworth Borough Council

Tewkesbury Borough Council

Uttlesford District Council

Vale of White Horse District Council

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

Wansbeck District Council

Wear Valley District Council

Welwyn Hatfield District Council

West Berkshire District Council

West Dorset District Council

West Lindsey District Council

West Wiltshire District Council

Wiltshire County Council

Winchester City Council

Wirral Metropolitan District Council

Wolverhampton City Council

Worthing Borough Council

SCHEDULE 4

Article 6

Weak Authorities

Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council

Birmingham City Council

Bromley London Borough Council

Castle Morpeth Borough Council

Congleton Borough Council

Corby Borough Council

Coventry City Council

Cumbria County Council

East Lindsey District Council

Forest of Dean District Council

Fylde Borough Council

Haringey London Borough Council

Havering London Borough Council

Hillingdon London Borough Council

Islington London Borough Council

Mansfield District Council

Mendip District Council

Merton London Borough Council

Mid Devon District Council

North Devon District Council

North Dorset District Council

North East Derbyshire District Council

North East Lincolnshire District Council

North West Leicestershire District Council

Northamptonshire County Council

Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council

Oxford City Council

Rochford District Council

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Salford City Council

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Selby District Council

Shepway District Council

South Lakeland District Council

Stratford on Avon District Council

Thanet District Council

Thurrock Borough Council

Torbay District Council

Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Watford Borough Council

West Somerset District Council

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council

Wyre Borough Council

SCHEDULE 5

Article 7

Poor Authorities

Bedfordshire County Council

Castle Point Borough Council

Chester-le-Street District Council

Hackney London Borough Council

Harlow District Council

Kingston-upon-Hull City Council

Lambeth London Borough Council

North Shropshire District Council

North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council

Northampton Borough Council

Plymouth City Council

Rossendale Borough Council

Swindon Borough Council

Teesdale District Council

Torridge District Council

Waltham Forest London Borough Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order categorises local authorities in England into five categories according to performance. The categorisation follows a report of the Audit Commission on 8th November 2004. A copy of the report may be obtained free of charge from Susie Turner at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU; telephone: 020 7944 4357 or email Susie,Turner@odpm.gsi.gov.uk.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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