
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 2680

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Local Government (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2014

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>3rd October 2014</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>9th October 2014</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st October 2014</i>

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government makes these Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(1), (2), (3) and (4) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980⁽¹⁾.

In accordance with section 3(11) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, before making these Regulations the Secretary of State consulted with such associations of authorities to whom section 2(1) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980⁽²⁾ applies as appeared to him to be concerned.

The Secretary of State is of the opinion that it is necessary to make these Regulations to ensure that authorities in England to whom section 2(1) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 applies publish information specified in the Local Government Transparency Code 2014⁽³⁾, in the manner and form and on the occasions specified in that Code.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2014 and come into force on 31st October 2014.

(1) 1980 c.65.

(2) Section 2(1) was amended by sections 84 and 102 of, and paragraphs 59 of Schedule 14 and Schedule 17 to, the Local Government Act 1985; section 237 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 13 to, the Education Reform Act 1988; section 328 of, and paragraph 28 of Part 1 of Schedule 29 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999; section 20 of the Local Government Act 1999; section 53(1) of, and paragraph 49(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to, the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004; sections 136(3) and 209(2) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 and paragraph 36(1) and (2) of Part 2 of Schedule 13 to, the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007; section 119 and paragraphs 48 and 29 of Schedule 6 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. There are other amendments in relation to Scotland and Wales, which are not relevant to this instrument.

(3) Issued on 3rd October 2014.

Requirement to publish information

2. (1) An authority to which the Code applies, other than a parish council whose gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is the higher) is £6.5 million or less, must publish the information specified in Part 2 of the Code in the manner and form and on the occasions specified in Part 2 of the Code.

(2) In this regulation, “the Code” means the “Local Government Transparency Code 2014”, issued on 3rd October 2014 by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government⁽⁴⁾.

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

Lord Ahmad
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Communities and Local
Government

3rd October 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Under section 2 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 the Secretary of State may issue a code of recommended practice on publication of information by local authorities. Under section 3 of the 1980 Act, the Secretary of State may by regulations require authorities to publish the information specified in such a code, in the manner and form and on the occasions specified in that code.

These Regulations require authorities in England to which section 2(1) of the 1980 Act applies, other than parish councils under a specified threshold and parish meetings, to comply with Part 2 of the Local Government Transparency Code 2014 issued on 3rd October 2014. The Code can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-transparency-code-2014>.

An impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of local government is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-transparency-code-2014-impact-assessment> and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.