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Part 1	Structural and boundary change a. The Secretary of State may invite or direct councils to apply to move to a single tier of local government. This provision lasts until 25 January 2008 only. b. The Secretary of State or a local authority may request a boundary review.	a. None at present. b. None at present.	n/a n/a
Part 2	Electoral arrangements a. Councils can revert from whole-council elections to election by halves or thirds (and vice-versa). If they do, local authorities may change the years in which Parish elections take place to bring them in line with Council elections. b. Local authorities can request single-member electoral areas. c. Local authorities can change the name of their wards if they wish. d. Secretary of State can change the date of county, parish and local elections to be the same date as European elections.	a. None at present, unless Members wish to make this change. b. None at present. c. None at present. d. To note this is likely to be the case for the next round of European elections (2009)	n/a n/a n/a Chief Executive
Part 3	Executive arrangements a. Requires those local authorities who do not already have them to adopt Executive arrangements. b. Requires the leader of the executive to be elected by the Council. c. Requires the leader of the executive to be elected for a fixed term at the post-election annual meeting, to hold office until the next post-election annual meeting (ie four years), subject to early removal from office d. Requires the Leader rather than the Executive to approve the delegations to officers in respect of Executive functions. e. Local authorities may amend their executive arrangements within the permitted legal models.	a. None b. None as our constitution already provides for this c. Will require change to Constitution at next annual meeting. d. None as our constitution already provides for this. e. None at present.	n/a n/a Monitoring Officer n/a n/a
Part 4	Parishes a. New 'alternative styles' of parish are now permitted. b. Changes in power available to 'eligible' parish councils; eligibility is to be set by the Secretary of State. c. Parishes can be reviewed, created, merged, removed etc.	a. None at present. b. None at present. c. None at present.	n/a n/a n/a
Part 5	Co-operation of authorities with local partners		

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	<p><i>Note: Points a-c are covered by the Statutory Guidance.</i></p> <p>a. Detailed guidance on LAA's is available in the draft statutory guidance. The County is the responsible authority, and they must publish details of the LAA.</p> <p>b. Districts, as well as a long list of other authorities (statutory guidance para 5.4) must co-operate to agree targets.</p> <p>c. Local authorities must (statutory guidance para 6.2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. clearly establish the link/s between all local improvement targets (in the LAA) in their relevant business planning and performance management processes; ii. clearly but proportionately reflect relevant LAA targets within resource allocations; iii. ensure staff are made aware of pertinent LAA priorities and, where appropriate, reflect these in the setting of senior staff management objectives; iv. work with partners to oversee delivery against the LAA targets based on existing data and information provided by partners. <p>d. Introduction of 'councillor call to action' through Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>e. Secretary of State may make regulations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. give power to O&S to request information from partner organisations. ii. create joint O&S committees with partner organisations. iii. allow district O&S committees to report directly to the county council (or county executive) where the report relates to a local improvement target that relates to a partner authority and is in the LAA. <p>f. Councillors may refer matters to the Crime & Disorder committee; that committee must have the power to make a report or recommendation to the authority.</p>	<p>a. To note.</p> <p>b. To note.</p> <p>c. To note.</p> <p>d. To note.</p> <p>e. None at present.</p> <p>f. To note.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Solicitor</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>Chief Solicitor</p>
Part 6	<p>Byelaws</p> <p>a. The Secretary of State may allow (by Regulation) an alternative procedure for byelaws.</p> <p>b. The Secretary of State may allow (by Regulation) the imposition of fixed penalties for breaches of byelaws. Authorised officers of the authority or parish may give the penalty notice, if the authority has issued byelaws that fall into this category. A fourteen day notice period applies. Standard penalty is £75,</p>	<p>a. None at present.</p> <p>b. To note.</p>	<p>n/a</p> <p>Chief Solicitor</p>

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	<p>but the authority may use an alternative penalty (and different sums for different byelaws).</p> <p>c. Introduction of an offence if someone refuses to give their name to an authorised officer.</p> <p>d. Fixed penalty receipts should be used to combat the nuisance for which the byelaw was passed (although this is not mandatory).</p> <p>e. Procedures for revoking byelaws made by other authorities that affect your area. The Secretary of State may also revoke byelaws.</p>	<p>c. To note.</p> <p>d. To note.</p> <p>e. To note.</p>	<p>Chief Solicitor</p> <p>Chief Solicitor</p> <p>Chief Solicitor</p>
Part 7	<p>Best Value</p> <p><i>Note: This part is covered by the Statutory Guidance.</i></p> <p>a. Local authorities have a duty to involve (see statutory guidance) from 1 April 2009 over and above existing requirements (e.g. in planning). This can include providing information, consulting, or involving in another way. It should involve ‘representatives of local persons’ – not just residents. Engagement and involvement should ‘be embedded as standard practice throughout authorities’.</p> <p>b. A successful authority will be able to demonstrate that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. they understand the interests and requirements of the local community; ii. they use their understanding to target the right people; iii. they have an appropriate corporate approach to providing information, consulting and involving in other ways; iv. local people will feel the authority provides relevant and accessible engagement opportunities. <p>c. Local authorities should take a role commissioning in delivering services, working with external parties and partnerships. In service delivery, the government expects more of a mixed economy of suppliers.</p> <p>d. There is a requirement for fair and open competition, including where the authority is bidding to provide a service against an external company or a partnership.</p>	<p>a. Consider and prepare for the implications of this new legislation.</p> <p>b. Develop a comprehensive strategy and forward plan for engagement opportunities.</p> <p>c. Review as required.</p> <p>d. Review as required.</p>	<p>Central Services Director</p> <p>Central Services Director</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Chief Solicitor</p>
Part 8	<p>Local services : Inspection and audit</p> <p>a. The Audit Commission is now responsible only for England, not Wales.</p> <p>b. AC must now report housing benefit and/or council tax benefit issues to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>c. AC must set out an inspection programme, and inform those it inspects on the</p>	<p>a. None.</p> <p>b. To note.</p> <p>c. None at present.</p>	<p>n/a</p> <p>Director of Finance</p> <p>n/a</p>

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	<p>way in which it intends to carry out the inspections.</p> <p>d. AC may order that electronic documents be printed for them to take away from an inspection. AC may require a person to help them with their inspection (relating primarily to local authority staff to help with use of IT equipment and software).</p> <p>e. AC may no longer direct authorities to publish standards of performance achieved [AC may still publish this information themselves]. In effect, this makes BVPP's (our CPP) no longer mandatory, and allows us to change the timing of it if we wish to continue to publish it locally.</p> <p>f. The Secretary of State, not AC, may determine when to produce reports that categorise authorities.</p> <p>g. AC may use external auditors to conduct audits of authorities.</p> <p>h. AC may publish any information unless it is likely to have a detrimental effect on the Commission or their auditors.</p>	<p>d. To note.</p> <p>e. To note.</p> <p>f. None at present.</p> <p>g. None at present.</p> <p>h. None at present.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Central Services Director</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>n/a</p>
Part 9	<p>The Commission for Local Administration in England</p> <p>a. The terms of engagement for the Commission have changed slightly.</p> <p>b. The list of matters subject to investigation by the Commission has been updated (para 173).</p> <p>c. Local authorities may pass complaints direct to the Commission, with the consent of the complainant.</p>	<p>a. None at present.</p> <p>b. None at present.</p> <p>c. None at present.</p>	<p>n/a</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>n/a</p>
Part 10	<p>Ethical standards</p> <p>a. Gives effect to provisions in the new model code of conduct which apply to when a member is acting in an official capacity, or when they are not; the latter only where the conduct would constitute a specified criminal offence.</p> <p>b. Introduces local assessment of allegations and how the Standards Board should work in a supervisory role(para 185-8, 190-201).</p> <p>c. Secretary of State may make regulations so authorities can make joint standards committees.</p> <p>d. Transfers responsibility for determining applications for exemption from political restriction from a person appointed by the Secretary of State to the Standards committee of LAs Political assistants' pay can be set as a point on a scale, rather than a fixed sum.</p>	<p>a. None at present.</p> <p>b. New procedures to be adopted in light of regulations yet to be published.</p> <p>c. None at present.</p> <p>d. None at present. The Council has no Political Assistants.</p>	<p>Chief Solicitor</p> <p>Chief Solicitor</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>Chief Solicitor Central Services Director</p>

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Part 11	Joint Waste Authorities a. A single joint waste authority can be created, taking control of all waste functions from districts and counties. Proposals have to go to, and be approved by, the Secretary of State; they must first go through a consultation. LA members may be a member of the joint waste authority that covers their area.	a. To note	Director of Health & Housing
Part 12	Entities controlled etc. by local authorities a. The Secretary of State may make an order about entities controlled by LA's (including staff) – about all LA's, particular types of LA, or individual LA's. b. The order may require, prohibit or regulate trusts. c. The order may require LA's or trustees to obtain consent from the Audit Commission before acting. d. The Secretary of State may exempt LA's or trustees from having to abide by the order.	a. None at present. b. None at present. c. None at present. d. None at present.	n/a n/a n/a n/a
Part 13	The Valuation Tribunal for England a. Creates the Valuation Tribunal for England.	a. None at present.	n/a
Part 14	Patient and public involvement in health and social care a. Applies to County Councils and Unitary Authorities only.	a. None at present.	n/a
Part 15	Powers of National Assembly for Wales a. Applies to Wales only.	a. None.	n/a
Part 16	Miscellaneous a. Regulations to allow local councillors to discharge their functions within their wards (and within the level of their authority).	a. None at present.	n/a
Part 17	Final provisions a. Defines legal terms.	a. None.	n/a

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