

07 December 2007

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer:
Billing authorities in England
Major precepting Authorities in England

Dear Sir/Madam,

**LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE (ENGLAND): DRAFT LOCAL AUTHORITIES
(ALTERATION OF REQUISITE CALCULATIONS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS
2008**

I attach a draft of the above set of Regulations.

The Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 2008 will:

- Define police grant and references to sums payable in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant for the purposes of authorities' budget requirement and council tax calculations for 2008/09.
- Remove, for 2008/09, references to relevant special grant in the provisions in the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Greater London Authority Act 1999 which govern authorities' budget requirement and council tax calculations, because no special grants will be defined as "relevant special grant" for 2008/09 in the regulations.

Timetable

The Secretary of State intends to make and lay before Parliament the Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 2008 in this form (subject to any drafting amendments) once the Local Government Finance Report (England) and the Police Grant Report, drafts of which were included in the main provisional Settlement package, have been approved by resolution of the House of Commons. We expect this to be in early February. Since this statutory instrument will need to be in force before authorities calculate their 2008/09 budget requirement, it is proposed that the regulations come into force on the day after they are laid before Parliament.

Representations

DEADLINE FOR REPRESENTATIONS – 5pm on Friday 11 January 2008.

If your authority wishes to make a representation about the draft regulations for 2008, it should be sent to **JAMES CADDICK, LGF CFA, ZONE 5/J5, ELAND HOUSE, BRESSENDEN PLACE, LONDON, SW1E 5DU** (Fax 020 7944 4219).

Written representations must be sent in time to be received by Mr Caddick at 5pm on Friday 11 January 2008. These should be faxed if there is any possibility that the letter will not be received in time by post, delivery by hand or by electronic mail. The Department will accept written representations sent by electronic mail via the Internet if they have been received at james.caddick@communities.gsi.gov.uk **by the above time.**

Telephone enquiries should be directed to James Caddick (020 7944 3644).

Yours faithfully



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