

Introduction

The procedures for reorganisation of local authorities are set out in the Local Government Act 2002. There are two main procedures for change:

- one for altering boundaries and transferring responsibilities between local authorities (under Part 1-Subpart 3 of Schedule 3 to the Act); and
- another for uniting, constituting, or abolishing districts and regions and creating unitary authorities (under Part 1-Subpart 4 of Schedule 3 to the Act).

A further set of procedures deals with constituting communities (under Schedule 6 to the Act).

This Guide explains the procedures for reorganisation of local authorities in a simpler form than that set out in the legislation. However, for definitive information, users should refer to the Local Government Act 2002.