

Direction made under section 24 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

In exercise of the powers under section 24 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the Act”):

- 1) The Secretary of State directs each authority listed in Column A of the attached Schedule, being an authority which is to be dissolved by virtue of an order made under section 7 of the Act, that it may not, from 4 March 2008:
 - a) without her written consent, dispose of any land if the consideration for the disposal exceeds £100,000 and the authority is required to dispose of the land under any enactment;
 - b) (subject to paragraph 2 below,) without the written consent of the authority listed against it in Column B of the attached Schedule:
 - i) make any other disposal of land, if the consideration for the disposal exceeds £100,000;
 - ii) enter into any capital contract
 - (1) under which the consideration payable by the relevant authority exceeds £1,000,000; or
 - (2) which includes a term allowing the consideration payable by the relevant authority to be varied;
 - iii) enter into any non-capital contract under which the consideration payable by the relevant authority exceeds £100,000, where –
 - (1) the period of the contract extends beyond 1 April 2009; or
 - (2) under the terms of the contract that period may be extended beyond that date; or

- iv) include an amount of financial reserves in a calculation under section 32(3) or 43(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Specific voluntary disposals of land for which consent must be given by the Secretary of State

- 2) The Secretary of State directs Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council that it may not, without her written consent, dispose of land as part of the 2006 Housing Transfer Programme¹, if the consideration for the disposal exceeds £100,000.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State



Date: 29 February 2008.

A senior civil servant

Department for Communities and Local Government

¹ The 2006 Housing Transfer Programme is part of the Government's social housing refurbishment scheme. It was announced by Ruth Kelly, the then Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, on 7 June 2006 (it was then referred to as the "Decent Homes Programme", see *Official Report*, column 27WS) and successful authorities were announced by Yvette Cooper on 18 October 2006 (see *Official Report* column 53WS).

SCHEDULE

Column A – authorities to be wound up and dissolved on 1 April 2009	Column B – authority specified under section 24 of the Act as the person whose written consent is required for the matters specified at article 1(b) of this direction.
Kennet District Council	The council of the county of Wiltshire
North Wiltshire District Council	The council of the county of Wiltshire
Salisbury District Council	The council of the county of Wiltshire
West Wiltshire District Council	The council of the county of Wiltshire
Caradon District Council	The council of the county of Cornwall
Carrick District Council	The council of the county of Cornwall
Kerrier District Council	The council of the county of Cornwall
North Cornwall District Council	The council of the county of Cornwall
Penwith District Council	The council of the county of Cornwall
Restormel Borough Council	The council of the county of Cornwall
Sedgefield Borough Council	The council of the county of County Durham
Durham City Council	The council of the county of County Durham
Chester-Le-Street District Council	The council of the county of County Durham
Derwentside District Council	The council of the county of County Durham
Easington District Council	The council of the county of County Durham
Teesdale District Council	The council of the county of County Durham
Wear Valley District Council	The council of the county of County Durham
Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council	The council of the county of Northumberland
Blyth Valley Borough Council	The council of the county of Northumberland
Castle Morpeth Borough Council	The council of the county of Northumberland
Alnwick District Council	The council of the county of Northumberland
Tynedale District Council	The council of the county of Northumberland
Wansbeck District Council	The council of the county of Northumberland
Oswestry Borough Council	The council of the county of Shropshire
Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council	The council of the county of Shropshire
Bridgnorth Borough Council	The council of the county of Shropshire
North Shropshire District Council	The council of the county of Shropshire
South Shropshire District Council	The council of the county of Shropshire