

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE OLYMPIC DELIVERY AUTHORITY (DISSOLUTION) ORDER 2014
2014 No. 3184

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1. This instrument dissolves the Olympic Delivery Authority (the “Authority”), effective from 2nd December 2014. It transfers all of the Authority’s property, rights and liabilities to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, and requires the Secretary of State to prepare the Authority’s final accounts and report.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1. None.

4. Legislative context

4.1. The draft Order relies on the power to dissolve the Authority in section 9 of the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 (“the 2006 Act”).

5. Territorial extent and application

5.1. This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has made the following statement regarding human rights:

In my view, the provisions of the Olympic Delivery Authority (Dissolution) Order 2014 are compatible with the Convention rights.

7. Policy background

7.1. The Olympic Delivery Authority was established by section 3 of the 2006 Act. A non-departmental public body, its functions under section 4 of that Act are to:

- a) prepare for the Olympic and Paralympic Games to take place in London in 2012 (“the London Olympics”);
- b) make arrangements relating to premises and other facilities acquired, constructed or adapted in preparation for the London Olympics; and
- c) ensure that adequate transport arrangements were made in connection with the London Olympics.

- What is being done and why

7.2. In a Ministerial Written Statement on Monday 26th July 2010, the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport said that, having reviewed the status of the Authority, he had concluded that “there is no need to change our existing plans to wind up [this organisation] following the Games.” The Department is proposing the Authority’s dissolution in the wake of completion of the Olympic Village conversion to residential use and its subsequent sale in August 2014.

7.3. Section 9 of the 2006 Act gives the Secretary of State the power to dissolve the Authority. Following the conversion for residential use and sale of the Olympic Village, the Authority discharged the last of its primary active functions, and is now engaged in closing out its remaining contracts. The rights and liabilities transferred to the Department include the Authority’s contractual responsibility for the management of Village defects over the next two years, and the possibility that additional moneys will become payable to it in the future under its existing contracts.

7.4. The Government has committed to reduce both the number and cost of public bodies. As there is no need now for a dedicated public body to continue the work of the Authority, the draft Order proposes the dissolution of the Authority, and the transfer of all its property, rights and liabilities to the Secretary of State. The draft Order provides that this will take place on 2nd December 2014.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1. As required by section 9(3) of the 2006 Act, the Mayor of London and the London Legacy Development Corporation have been consulted on the proposed dissolution. Both have indicated that they are content for the dissolution to proceed.

9. Guidance

9.1. It is not considered necessary to issue guidance in relation to this instrument.

10. Impact

10.1. The impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is considered to be nil.

10.2. The impact on the public sector is considered to be nil.

10.3. An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

11.1. The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring and review

12.1. No monitoring or review is needed in relation to this instrument.

13. Contact

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