

# Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

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## AMENDMENTS

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##### Clause 1

##### LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 1, page 1, line 9, after “disparities” insert “including between predominantly urban and predominantly rural areas”

##### LORD SHIPLEY

Clause 1, page 1, line 14, at end insert –

- “(2A) A statement of levelling-up missions must include an assessment of geographical disparities in the United Kingdom, broken down by local authority and, wherever possible, by postcode area.
- (2B) An assessment of geographical disparities must consider –
- (a) levels of public spending, both capital and revenue,
  - (b) levels of private sector inward investment,
  - (c) levels of disposable household income,
  - (d) levels of employment, unemployment, and economic inactivity,
  - (e) levels of home ownership,
  - (f) levels of educational attainment,
  - (g) numbers of young people not in education, employment or training,
  - (h) levels of child poverty,
  - (i) success in reducing health inequalities,
  - (j) the availability and cost of public transport, and
  - (k) levels of fuel poverty.”

##### LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 1, page 1, line 14, at end insert –

- “(2A) In preparing a statement of levelling-up missions, a Minister of the Crown must take account of the need to reduce geographical disparities both within regions

and areas of the United Kingdom, and between them, including as regards rural areas.”

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 1, page 1, line 14, at end insert –

“(2A) In preparing a statement of levelling-up missions, a Minister of the Crown must ensure that the mission progress methodology and metrics are as granular as reasonably practicable in relation to the size of geographical areas.”

**Clause 2**

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 2, page 3, line 2, at end insert –

“(2A) Each report must include the Minister’s assessment in relation to rural areas.”

**Clause 8**

LORD FOSTER OF BATH

Clause 8, page 8, line 18, at end insert “but no more than any other constituent council”

**Clause 124**

LORD LANSLEY

*Lord Lansley gives notice of his intention to oppose the Question that Clause 124 stand part of the Bill.*

**Schedule 11**

LORD EHERTON

Schedule 11, page 344, line 31, at end insert –

- “(1A) A charging authority must prepare and publish a Strategic Housing and Market Assessment specifying what affordable housing is needed within the area of the charging authority.
- (1B) The charging authority must publish a new Strategic Housing and Market Assessment every three years.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*Strategic Housing and Market Assessments are prepared by local planning authorities on a three year cycle and specify the affordable housing needed in their area. This amendment makes them compulsory. It is to be read in conjunction with an amendment to page 344, line 32 which would*

*require the rates of IL to be set at a level which, over a period of 3 years, will, in conjunction with other powers of the planning authority deliver the necessary amount of affordable housing.*

LORD EHERTON

Schedule 11, page 344, leave out lines 32 to 34 and insert –

“(2) A charging authority must set rates of IL at a level which, in conjunction with the exercise of such other powers as it possesses, is likely to provide not less than the amount of affordable housing specified in its Strategic Housing and Market Assessment over a three year period, and which will also ensure that –”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the rates of IL to be set at a level which, over a period of three years, will, in conjunction with other powers of the planning authority (such as section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) deliver the necessary amount of affordable housing.*

LORD EHERTON

Schedule 11, page 351, line 14, at end insert “provided always that priority is to be given to achieving the objectives in section 204G(2)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment ensures that, in the application of IL, priority is given to the provision of affordable housing. Without such priority, IL, which is intended to fund affordable housing – see section 204G(2) both in its present form and as amended by Lord Etherton – could be applied entirely for all or any of the other matters in section 204N(3).*

**Clause 126**

LORD LANSLEY

*Lord Lansley gives notice of his intention to oppose the Question that Clause 126 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 178**

LORD EHERTON

Clause 178, page 223, line 37, at end insert “unless proceedings have been commenced for possession, in which case the premises are to be treated as occupied prior to the termination of such proceedings”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes clear that a property is not to be treated as vacant, even though occupied by a trespasser or by a person who is living in non-residential property if and so long as there are proceedings by the landlord to obtain possession.*

**After Clause 214**

LORD ETHERTON

After Clause 214, insert the following new Clause –

**“Review of business rates**

- (1) Within three months of this Act being passed, the Secretary of State must instigate a review of the arrangements and charges for non-domestic rates.
- (2) The Secretary of State must undertake a public consultation for that purpose.
- (3) The Secretary of State must, within six months of the conclusion of the consultation, take such steps as may be necessary or appropriate to reform non-domestic rates so as to make them fairer to businesses and to sustain economic activity and growth, especially in high streets and town centres.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment provides for the Secretary of State to undertake a general review of business rates, with public consultation as part of that review, with the objective of giving economic support to businesses, especially in high streets and town centres.*



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