

## Glossary

<b>Affordable housing</b>	There is no universally-agreed definition, but it includes low-cost market and subsidised housing (irrespective of tenure, ownership - whether exclusive or shared - or financial arrangements) that will be available to people who cannot afford to rent or buy houses generally available on the open market
<b>Anti-social behaviour</b>	A range of problems, including noisy neighbours, abandoned cars, vandalism, graffiti, litter and youth nuisance
<b>AONB</b>	Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty - designated primarily for the conservation of landscape
<b>Audit Commission</b>	Independent public body responsible for ensuring that public money is spent economically, efficiently, and effectively in the areas of local government, housing, health, criminal justice and fire and rescue services. Amongst other assessments, the Commission produces the Comprehensive Performance Assessments of councils and the services that they provide for local people
<b>Biological capacity</b>	The available supply of resources on land and sea, estimated as 11.3 billion global hectares
<b>Boundary Commission for England</b>	Advisory non-departmental public body, funded by the Department for Constitutional Affairs. The Commission continuously review the parliamentary constituencies in England, and periodically conduct a general review of all constituencies
<b>British Crime Survey</b>	Measures crime in England and Wales by asking people about crimes they have experienced in the last year
<b>By catch</b>	The incidental catch of species, such as dolphins, in fishing nets and equipment
<b>Capital</b>	Durable produced goods for use as a factor of production
<b>CDSC</b>	Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre
<b>Census</b>	A ten yearly count of all people and households, last held on 29th April 01; the most complete source of information about the population
<b>Cetaceans</b>	Whales, dolphins and porpoises
<b>CHI</b>	Commission for Health Improvement
<b>Children's Fund</b>	Part of the Government's agenda to support disadvantaged children and young people, targeting 5-13 year olds
<b>Citizenship Survey</b>	A biennial survey of adults in England and Wales, covering a range of community based issues including views about the local area, racial and religious prejudice and discrimination, involvement in the community, civil renewal, volunteering and charitable giving.
<b>Claimant Count</b>	Records the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits (currently Jobseeker's Allowance) and national Insurance credits
<b>Communities and Local Government</b>	Government Department created in May 2006 from the former Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The Department's remit includes creating better communities, local government, housing and planning, fire and resilience, and equalities
<b>Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA)</b>	Audit Commission report on the performance of a local authority and the services that it provides for local people. The Assessments comprise evidence from other external review bodies, plus the Commission's judgements

<b>Comprehensive Spending Review</b>	Review conducted every two or three years by HM Treasury, which sets three year budgets, and Public Service Agreements (PSAs), for each Government Department. Spending Reviews also allocate a grant which covers around three quarters of local government spending
<b>Council Tax</b>	Local tax, based on value of property, raised by local authorities to help pay for local services
<b>CPRE</b>	Campaign to Protect Rural England
<b>Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership</b>	A combination of police, local authorities and other organisations and businesses working together to tackle crime and disorder at the local level
<b>DCMS</b>	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
<b>Defra</b>	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
<b>Deprived SOA</b>	Taken here as being in the most deprived 10% in England
<b>DET</b>	An online interactive web based toolkit for accessing and using information about the cultural sector. It does not impose a 'one size fits all' model for the development and use of statistics see DCMS
<b>DfES</b>	Department for Education and Skills
<b>DfT</b>	Department for Transport
<b>Discouraged workers</b>	Those who believe that no work is currently available
<b>DTI</b>	Department of Trade and Industry
<b>Dwelling</b>	A self-contained unit of accommodation
<b>DWP</b>	Department of Work and Pensions
<b>Earnings</b>	A measure of the money people receive in return for work done, gross of tax
<b>Eco-Footprint</b>	A comprehensive account of the resources that a population consume, measuring the balance between human demand and nature's supply
<b>Economically Active</b>	Employed (including self-employed), unemployed and actively looking for work, are on a government supported employment and training programme, or are working unpaid for a family member
<b>Economically Inactive</b>	Economically inactive people are not in employment, but do not satisfy all the criteria for UK unemployment
<b>Electoral Commission</b>	Independent public body responsible for registering and monitoring political parties, reporting on how elections and referendums are held, and reviewing electoral law, procedures and boundaries in England
<b>Employment</b>	There are two main ways of looking at employment: either the number of people with jobs or the number of jobs
<b>Employment Rate</b>	The number of people in employment expressed as a percentage of the relevant population
<b>Expenditure and Food Survey</b>	Is a continuous survey of household expenditure, food consumption and income.
<b>FDI</b>	Foreign Direct Investment
<b>Formula Grant</b>	Annual funding allocated to a local authority from central Government
<b>FTE</b>	Full Time Equivalent
<b>GCE/VCE</b>	General Certificate of Education/Vocational Certificate of Education
<b>GCSE/GNVQ</b>	General Certificate of Secondary Education/General National Vocational Qualification

<b>GDHI</b>	Gross Disposable Household Income
<b>Global hectares</b>	How much productive land and sea is available to provide the energy, food and materials that we use in our every day lives
<b>Government Office for the South West (GOSW)</b>	Agency of central Government for the South West region. GOSW represents ten Whitehall Departments: Communities and Local Government, Department for Education and Skills (DfES), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Home Office (HO), Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Department of Health (DH), Cabinet Office (CO), and Department for Transport (DfT)
<b>Greater South East</b>	Used to refer to the three Government Office Regions of London, South East and the East of England
<b>Greenhouse gas</b>	Emissions of a 'basket' of six key gases that are accelerating climate change. These include carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ), nitrous oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFC), perfluorocarbons (PFC) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> )
<b>Groundwater</b>	Water that has soaked into the ground where it flows as underground streams and aquifers.
<b>Group Training Associations</b>	Work-based training providers
<b>GVA</b>	Gross Value Added - a measure of total economic output
<b>GVA per Head</b>	Gross Value Added per population- used as a broad measure of productivity
<b>Hard to Fill Vacancies</b>	Vacancies that employers describe as hard to fill either because of skill shortages or attributed to other causes such as lack of applicants, low wages etc
<b>HDA</b>	Health Development Agency
<b>HEIs</b>	Higher Education Institutions
<b>HFR</b>	Housing Flows Return - ODPM monitoring of changing dwelling numbers
<b>Household</b>	One person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address with common housekeeping - that is, sharing either a living room or sitting room or at least one meal a day
<b>Housing Associations</b>	The main providers of new social housing, overseen by boards of volunteers
<b>HtFVs</b>	Hard to Fill Vacancies
<b>ILO Unemployed</b>	People who are: not in employment, want a job, have actively sought work in the previous four weeks and are available to start work within the next fortnight, or, out of work and have accepted a job which they are waiting to start in the next fortnight
<b>Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)</b>	A widely used small area index of economic, health, educational and social deprivation produced by ODPM (Department now called Communities and Local Government)
<b>Integrated Regional Strategy (IRS)</b>	Document, co-ordinated by the South West Regional Assembly, which aims to provide an integrated approach to strategic policy for the South West, by bringing together the full range of strategies and issues in the region. The IRS, <i>Just Connect!</i> , was launched by the Assembly in November 2004
<b>Jurassic Coast</b>	World Heritage Site from Exmouth to Studland Bay
<b>kWh</b>	Kilowatt-hour is a unit of energy
<b>Kyoto Protocol</b>	An international agreement setting targets for industrialised countries to cut their greenhouse gas emissions.

<b>LEA</b>	Local Education Authority
<b>LFA</b>	Less-Favoured Area - Upland areas where additional subsidies to farming apply
<b>LFS</b>	Labour Force Survey - a quarterly sample survey of households living at private addresses in Great Britain. Its purpose is to provide information on the UK labour market
<b>Listed buildings</b>	Those of special architectural or historic interest designated for protection by DCMS, on advice from English Heritage
<b>Local Air Quality Management Areas</b>	If a local authority finds that national air quality objectives may not be met in a specific area it must declare an Air Quality Management Area and put together a plan to improve air quality within it
<b>Local Area Agreement (LAA)</b>	Three-year funding arrangement between central Government and a local area, as represented by a Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The LSP will set out a plan of priorities for its area, in return for greater flexibility of funding streams
<b>Local environmental quality</b>	The quality of our local environment, including street cleanliness, condition of highway infrastructure, environmental crime (graffiti, fly tipping & fly posting) and the condition of the street scene
<b>Local Government Association (LGA)</b>	Voluntary lobbying organization, formed in April 1997, to promote and represent the interests of English and Welsh local authorities. The LGA also represents fire, police, national park and passenger transport authorities
<b>Local Government Finance Settlement</b>	Annual system of allocation and distribution of central Government Formula Grant funding to local authorities
<b>Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA)</b>	Voluntary agreement negotiated between a local authority and central Government, which focuses on targeted outcomes to improve the delivery of local public services. The original LPSAs began in September 2001, with a second phase commencing in April 2004
<b>Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)</b>	Single non-statutory body that brings together different parts of the public, private, business, community and voluntary sectors at a local level, to co-ordinate initiatives and services. LSPs are integral in the negotiation and running of Local Area Agreements (LAAs)
<b>Low Income Households</b>	Commonly defined as those receiving less than 60% of the national median household income.
<b>LUCS</b>	Land Use Change Statistics, collected by Ordnance Survey
<b>MEP</b>	Member of the European Parliament
<b>MP</b>	Member of (UK) Parliament
<b>MW</b>	Megawatt is a unit of electrical power equal to one million watts
<b>Natural Change</b>	Population change resulting from the difference between birth and death rates - not migration
<b>Netcen</b>	National Environmental Technology Centre
<b>NHBC</b>	National House-Building Council
<b>Nitrate Vulnerable Zone</b>	An area of land draining into ground or surface waters that are currently high in nitrate, or come become so.
<b>NOAA-NESDIS</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (USA)
<b>NOMIS</b>	A web-based database of labour market statistics

<b>NUTS</b>	Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics. The SW is a NUTS1 area; there are four NUTS2 areas in the region - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, Devon, Dorset and Somerset, and Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and North Somerset (which includes all the former Avon area).
<b>Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM)</b>	Former Government Department. In May 2006, with added responsibilities, this became Communities and Local Government
<b>ONS</b>	Office for National Statistics
<b>PPG3</b>	Planning Policy Guidance Note 3 (on Housing) from ODPM
<b>Productivity</b>	The amount of output produced per population- usually measured by Gross Value Added per head
<b>Productivity Gap</b>	The difference in rates of productivity between two regions
<b>PSV</b>	Public Service Vehicle
<b>Public Service Agreement (PSA)</b>	PSAs were first introduced to modernise and improve the Government's performance on the issues that matter most to the public (including health, crime, education and the environment)
<b>R&amp;D</b>	Research and Development
<b>RCDF</b>	Regional Cultural Data Framework
<b>Regional Economic Strategy (RES)</b>	10-year strategy document, co-ordinated and reviewed by the South West Regional Development Agency, which provides a framework for all economic development activity in the South West. The latest review of the RES, for 2006–2015, was launched in May 2006
<b>Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)</b>	Statutory planning document for monitoring and managing future development in the South West over the next 20 years. Currently in draft form, the RSS will, after consultation and Examination in Public stages are completed, replace the Regional Planning Guidance for the South West (RPG10), and the region's county structure plans, in 2008
<b>RPG10</b>	Regional Planning Guidance 10 (South West)
<b>S106 agreements</b>	Contractual agreements entered into between a local planning authority and a developer that determine what proportion of units provided in residential developments will be designated as affordable housing units
<b>SAC</b>	Special Areas of Conservation, under the European Union Habitat's Directive
<b>Scheduled Ancient Monuments</b>	Archaeological Sites designated by DCMS, so that permission is required for works to the monument
<b>SEN</b>	Special Educational Needs
<b>SFR</b>	Statistical First Release
<b>SIC(92)</b>	Standard Industrial Classification (1992 version)
<b>Sites of Special Scientific Interest</b>	Nationally important nature conservation sites that support England's best wildlife and geology
<b>Skills Shortage Vacancies</b>	Applicants for jobs lacked the required skills and/or experience and/or qualifications
<b>SMEs</b>	Small and Medium Enterprises - Those employing fewer than 250 people
<b>SMR</b>	Standardized Mortality Rates
<b>SOA (Super output area)</b>	2001 Census-based statistical reporting unit. The 'lower tier' SOAs have an average of 1500 residents

<b>Social capital</b>	Can be used to describe the nature and extent of formal and informal interaction between members of society
<b>Social housing</b>	Housing owned and/or managed by a local authority or housing association
<b>South West Regional Assembly (SWRA)</b>	Originally formed as the South West Regional Chamber in July 1998, SWRA is a voluntary partnership of councillors from all local authorities in the South West, plus representatives of business and voluntary sectors. In addition to being a voice for the people of the region, SWRA now has various statutory duties, including monitoring of the South West Regional Development Agency, and acting as Regional Planning Body and Regional Housing Body
<b>South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA)</b>	Non-departmental public body, established in 1999, to ensure the long-term economic success of the South West. SWRDA is directly funded by central Government, and is accountable, through its Board, to Ministers
<b>SPA</b>	Special Protection Area, under the European Union Directive on the conservation of wild birds
<b>SRA</b>	Strategic Rail Authority
<b>SRR</b>	Standardised Registration Ratio, measuring registrations of disease
<b>Strategic Nature Area</b>	Landscape blocks of land identified to improve habitat networks and sustain the wildlife within them
<b>THI</b>	Total Household Income
<b>Third Sector</b>	Commonly used term to describe the Voluntary and Community Sector
<b>Type 2 diabetes</b>	A type of diabetes that tends to develop in those over 30, often those who are overweight
<b>UKCIP</b>	UK Climate Impacts Partnership
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<b>Urban &amp; rural</b>	The definitions used here are those from the Countryside Agency based on 1991 wards and local authority areas. They will be superseded in 2004
<b>Working-age</b>	a woman aged 16 to 59 or a man aged 16 to 64
<b>Workless household</b>	A household that includes at least one person of working age where no one aged 16 or over is in employment
<b>World Heritage Site</b>	Sites of cultural, industrial and natural heritage designated by UNESCO

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