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SUBJECT GUIDE 9 : LOCAL AUTHORITY RECORDS

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This leaflet contains details of those local authorities (excluding education and poor law authorities) which existed in County Durham in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries before 1974. The dates between which the authority existed are noted, followed by the DRO catalogue reference(s) for that authority. Brief details are given of the creation, abolition and any major changes to the authority, and the dates of the surviving records are summarised using the following categories:

'minutes' - minutes of, and reports to, the authority and its committees and joint committees

'financial' - ledgers, account books and abstracts of accounts

'rating' - valuation lists and rate books

'building control' - building plans and registers of building plans

'other' - all other records

B = Borough

CB = County Borough

D = District

HB = Highway Board

ICD = Improvement Commissioners'
District

LBD = Local Board District

MB = Municipal Borough

MetB = Metropolitan Borough

RD = Rural District

RSD = Rural Sanitary District

UD = Urban District

USD = Urban Sanitary District

1862 Act = Highways Act, 1862

1872 Act = Public Health Act, 1872

1894 Act = Local Government Act, 1894

Annfield Plain UD, 1896 - 1937 UD/Ann and UD/Sta

Created from part of Lanchester RD, 1896; Abolished and became parts of Consett UD and Stanley UD, 1937
minutes 1896-1937; rating 1934; building control 1885-1923; other 1910-1925

Auckland RSD/RD, 1872 - 1937 UD/BA, RD/Au and RSA/Au

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became parts of Bishop Auckland UD, Crook & Willington UD, Shildon UD, Spennymoor UD, Barnard Castle RD, Darlington RD, Sedgfield RD and Weardale RD, 1937

minutes 1872-1937; financial 1884-1937; rating 1909-1936; building control 1872-1937; other 1921

Auckland District HB, 1863 - 1896 UD/BA

Created under 1862 Act

minutes 1863 - 1876; financial 1869 - 1896

Barnard Castle HB, 1863 - 1896 RD/BC

Created under 1862 Act

minutes 1879-1896

Barnard Castle LBD/UD, 1850 - 1974 UD/BC and RD/BC

Created as LBD, 1850; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Teesdale D, 1974

minutes 1850-1967; financial 1850-1966; rating 1840-1973; building control 1891-1973; other 1160-1970

Barnard Castle RSD/RD, 1872 - 1974 RD/BC

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Teesdale D, 1974

minutes 1891-1930; rating 1929-1973; building control 1901-1963; other 1895-1973

Benfieldside LBD/UD, 1868 - 1937 UD/Ben and D/X 814

Created as LBD, 1868; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Consett UD, 1937

minutes 1896-1937; financial 1888-1937; rating 1929-1934; other 1904-1932

Billingham UD records with Teesside Archives

Bishop Auckland LBD/UD, 1854 - 1974 UD/BA

Created as LBD, 1854; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Wear Valley D, 1974 minutes 1854-1974; financial 1855-1946; rating 1901-1961; building control 1891-1960; other 1854-1970

Blaydon-on-Tyne/Blaydon LBD/UD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Boldon UD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Brandon & Byshottles LBD/UD, 1882 - 1974 UD/BB

Created as LBD, 1882; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of City of Durham D, 1974 minutes 1882-1974; financial 1908-1974; building control 1901-1974; other 1903-1974

Castle Eden and Seaham HB, 1863 - 1896 RD/Ea

Created under 1862 Act minutes 1863-1896

Chester-le-Street UD, 1909 - 1974 UD/CS

Created from part of Chester-le-Street RD, 1909; Abolished and became part of Chester-le-Street D, 1974 minutes 1909-1974; financial 1923-1966; rating 1927-1959; other 1909-1972

Chester-le-Street RSD/RD, 1872 - 1974 RD/CS

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Became parts of Chester-le-Street D, Gateshead MetB and Sunderland MetB, 1974 minutes 1875-1974; financial 1893-1974; rating 1890-1942; other 1904-1957

Consett LBD/UD, 1866 - 1974 UD/Co

Created as LBD, 1866; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Derwentside D, 1974 minutes 1874-1974; financial 1931-1955; rating 1927-1974; building control 1893-1955; other 1866-1964

Crook UD, 1898 - 1937 UD/Cr and UD/CW

Created from part of Auckland RD, 1898; Abolished and became part of Crook & Willington UD, 1937 minutes 1898-1937; rating 1934-1936; building control 1898-1937; other 1902-1939

Crook & Willington UD, 1937 - 1974 UD/CW

Created from Crook UD and parts of Willington UD and Auckland RD, 1937; Abolished and became part of Wear Valley D, 1974 minutes 1943-1974; rating 1937-1973; building control 1937-1949; other 1936-1973

Darlington ICD/LBD/MB/CB, 1850 - 1974 Da/

Created as ICD, 1823; Created as LBD, 1850; Incorporated as MB, 1867; Constituted as CB, 1915; Abolished and became part of Darlington D, 1974 minutes 1850-1968; financial 1888-1968; rating 1796-1950; building control 1865-1966; other 1850-1974

Darlington District HB, 1863 - 1894

Created under 1862 Act

Darlington RSD/RD, 1872 - 1974 RD/Da

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Darlington D, 1974 minutes 1872-1974; financial 1888-1968; rating 1838-1958; building control 1925-1948; other 1872-1974

Dawdon see Seaham Harbour

Durham MB/ICD, 1179/80 - 1974 Du/

Incorporated as Borough, 1179/80; ICD, 1790; Created as LBD, 1849; Abolished and became part of City of Durham D, 1974 minutes 1602-1974; financial 1720-1974; rating 1790-1972; building control 1900-1974; other 1179/80-1974

Durham RSD/RD, 1872 - 1974 RD/Du

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of City of Durham D, 1974 minutes 1872-1974; financial 1899-1965; rating 1928-1964; building control 1875-1974; other 1888-1973

Durham and Chester-le-Street HB, 1863 - 1894 HB/DuCS

Created under 1862 Act

financial 1863-1879

Easington RSD/RD, 1872 - 1974 RD/Ea

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Easington D, 1974 minutes 1872-1974; financial 1897-1972; rating 1935-1956; other 1931-1974

Felling LBD/UD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Gateshead MB/CB *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Gateshead and South Shields HB *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Greta Bridge HB, 1879 - 1896 HB/GB

Created under 1862 Act minutes 1879-1893; financial 1879-1895

Hartlepool LBD/MB/CB *records with Teesside Archives*

Hartlepool RD *records with Teesside Archives*

Hebburn LBD/UD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Hetton UD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Houghton-le-Spring LBD/UD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Houghton-le-Spring and Sunderland HB *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Houghton-le-Spring RD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Jarrow LBD/MB *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Lanchester District HB, 1863 - 1894 RD/La

Created under 1862 Act minutes 1884-1894

Lanchester RSD/RD, 1872 - 1974 RD/La

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Derwentside D, 1974 minutes 1872-1973; financial 1941-1949; rating 1956-1973; building control 1877-1951

Leadgate LBD/UD, 1867 - 1937 UD/Le

Created as LBD, 1867; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became parts of Consett UD and Stanley UD, 1937 minutes 1885-1937; financial 1934-1937; rating 1927; building control 1867-1937; other 1896

Middleton-in-Stranton LBD *records with Teesside Archives*

Ryton LBD/UD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Dawdon LBD/Seaham Harbour/Seaham UD, 1863 - 1974 UD/Sea

Created as LBD, 1863; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Renamed Seaham UD, 1937; Abolished and became part of Easington D, 1974 minutes 1863-1973; financial 1966-1970; other 1848-1974

Seaton Carew LBD *records with Teesside Archives*

Sedgefield RSD/RD, 1872 - 1974

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Sedgefield D, 1974 minutes 1886-1974; financial 1935-1974; other 1932-1973

Shildon & East Thickley/Shildon LBD/UD, 1877 - 1974 UD/Sh

Created as LBD, 1877; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Renamed Shildon UD, 1907; Abolished and became part of Sedgefield D, 1974 minutes 1877-1974; financial 1933-1974; rating 1932-1962; other 1895-1974

South Shields MB/CB *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

South Shields RD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Southwick-on-Wear LBD/UD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Spennymoor LBD/UD, 1864 - 1974 UD/Sp

Created as LBD, 1864; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Sedgefield D, 1974 minutes 1864-1974; financial 1864-1975; rating 1914-1948; other 1913-1974

Stanhope LBD/UD, 1875 - 1937 UD/St and RD/We

Created as LBD, 1875; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Weardale RD, 1937

minutes 1874-1937; financial 1877-1936; rating 1898-1930; building control 1875-1900; other 1875-1939

Stanley USD/UD, 1892 - 1974 UD/Sta

Created as LBD, 1892; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Derwentside D, 1974
minutes 1892-1974; financial 1955-1972; rating 1924-1978; building control 1891-1948; other 1910-1973

Startforth HB, 1867 - 1894 RD/St

Created under 1862 Act
minutes 1867-1880

Startforth RSD/RD, 1872 - 1974 RD/St

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Teesdale D, 1974
minutes 1897-1970; financial 1932-1970; rating 1926-1966; building control 1934-1974; other 1912-1962

Stockton-on-Tees LBD/MB *records with Teesside Archives*

Stockton and Hartlepool HB *records with Teesside Archives*

Stockton RD *records with Teesside Archives*

Sunderland MB/CB *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Sunderland RD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Tanfield UD, 1895 - 1937 UD/Sta *and* UD/Tan

Created from part of Lanchester RD, 1895; Abolished and became parts of Consett UD, Stanley UD and Chester-le-Street RD, 1937

minutes 1895-1937; rating 1934-1945; building control 1878-1930

Teesside CB *records with Teesside Archives*

Throston LBD *records with Teesside Archives*

Tow Law LBD/UD, 1863 - 1974 UD/TL

Created as LBD, 1863; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Wear Valley D, 1974
minutes 1863-1965; financial 1878-1965; rating 1940-1972; other 1914-1974

Washington UD, 1922 - 1974 *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Weardale RSD/RD, 1872 - 1974 RD/We

Created as RSD by 1872 Act; Reconstituted as RD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became part of Wear Valley D, 1974
minutes 1873-1974; financial 1873-1968; rating 1906-1973; other 1879-1973

Weardale District HB, 1863 - 1896 RD/We

Created under 1862 Act
minutes 1873-1896

West Hartlepool ICD/MB/CB *records with Teesside Archives*

Whickham UD *records with Tyne & Wear Archives*

Willington LBD/UD, 1881 - 1937 UD/Wi *and* UD/CW

Created as LBD, 1881; Reconstituted as UD by 1894 Act; Abolished and became parts of Bishop Auckland UD and Crook & Willington UD, 1937

minutes 1881-1937; financial 1925-1936; rating 1907-1935; building control 1882-1937; other 1897-1934