

DEVOLUTION OF TITLE – BRADFORD COUNCIL AND PREDECESSOR AUTHORITIES

From past experience we believe that the devolution of title is well known to the Land Registry. However, the following is a brief outline of the most common situations.

1. The title of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council was originally City of Bradford Metropolitan Council omitting the word "District" and the name change was adopted by a resolution of the full council dated 16 July 1996.
2. Property held by the old Bradford Corporation for "general" purposes vested in CBMC on 1 April 1974, by regulations under the Local Government Act 1972.
3. Likewise, property held by the former authorities for the outlying districts for "general" purposes vested in CBMC by regulations under the 1972 Act. The authorities in question were Keighley Borough Council, part of the Skipton Rural District Council, and the urban district councils of Baildon, Bingley, Denholme, Ilkley, Queensbury, Shipley and Silsden.
4. Property within the Bradford district held by former authorities for the purpose of highways vested in West Yorkshire County Council by regulations under the 1972 Act. Any such property held by WYCC at the time of its abolition vested in CBMC on 1 April 1986, by regulations under the Local Government Act 1985
5. Property originally acquired by school boards in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries vested with the education authority for the time being. In the case of schools within the old city of Bradford this was Bradford Corporation under the Education Act 1902 and subsequently CBMC under the 1972 Act (see above). However, as a result of successive education statutes, schools in the outlying districts vested initially with the local school board, then the district council, then the West Riding County Council, and finally CBMC pursuant to the 1972 Act.
6. As a result of piecemeal local government reforms in the 1930's the former Haworth, Oxenhope and Oakworth Urban District Councils and the Keighley Rural District Council were abolished and their assets vested in Keighley Borough Council. Likewise the Burley UDC was abolished and its assets vested in Ilkley UDC. Keighley and Ilkley Councils were in turn abolished and their assets vested in CBMC under the 1972 Act, see above.