STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1270

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Blackburn with Darwen (Electoral Changes) Order 2017

Made - - - - 13th December 2017
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2), (3) and (4)

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**1**) ("the Act"), the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**2**) ("the Commission") published a report dated August 2017 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the borough of Blackburn with Darwen. The Commission has decided to give effect to those recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before each House of Parliament, a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Blackburn with Darwen (Electoral Changes) Order 2017.

(2) This article and article 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Articles 3 and 4 come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary, or relating, to the election of councillors, on the day after the day on which it is made;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England and Wales(**3**) in 2018.

(4) Articles 5 and the Schedule come into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary, or relating to, the election of councillors, on the day after the day on which it is made;

(**1**) 2009 c.20.
(**2**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.
(**3**) The ordinary day of election of councillors is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2) as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England and Wales in 2020.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Blackburn with Darwen (Electoral Changes) Order 2017", held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**4**).

(2) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Wards of the borough of Blackburn with Darwen

3.—(1) The existing wards of the borough of Blackburn with Darwen are abolished.

(2) The borough of Blackburn with Darwen is divided into 17 wards as follows—

(a) Audley & Queen's Park;

(b) Bastwell & Daisyfield;

(c) Billinge & Beardwood;

(d) Blackburn Central;

(e) Blackburn South & Lower Darwen;

(f) Blackburn South East;

(g) Darwen East;

(h) Darwen South;

(i) Darwen West;

(j) Ewood;

(k) Little Harwood & Whitebirk;

(l) Livesey with Pleasington;

(m) Mill Hill & Moorgate;

(n) Roe Lee;

(o) Shear Brow & Corporation Park;

(p) Wensley Fold;

(q) West Pennine.

(3) Each ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(4) Three councillors are to be elected for each ward.

Elections of the borough of Blackburn with Darwen

4.—(1) Elections of all councillors for each ward of the borough of Blackburn with Darwen are to be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2018.

(2) The councillors holding office for any ward abolished by article 3(1) immediately before the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2018 are to retire on that fourth day and the newly elected councillors are to come into office on that fourth day.

(**4**) Prints of the map are available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th floor, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/north-west/lancashire/blackburn-and-darwen