Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 on 19th March 2012; draft to lie for forty days, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 0000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Durham (Electoral Changes) Order 2012

Made - - - -

Coming into force in accordance with article 2

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**1**) ("the 2009 Act") the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**2**) published a report dated November 2011 stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the county of Durham.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has decided to give effect to the recommendations for electoral changes and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 59(1) of the 2009 Act makes the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Durham (Electoral Changes) Order 2012.

Commencement

2. This Order comes into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of councillors for county electoral divisions and the elections of parish councillors, on 15th October 2012;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2013.

(**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 (c.20).

Interpretation

3. In this Order—

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Durham (Electoral Changes) Order 2012", of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**3**).

Electoral divisions of the county of Durham and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county of Durham are abolished.

(2) The county is divided into sixty-three electoral divisions each bearing a name listed in column 1 of the Schedule.

(3) Each electoral division comprises the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the electoral division.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division is the number specified in relation to that electoral division in column 2 of the Schedule.

(5) 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 parish of Barnard Castle and number of councillors

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Barnard Castle are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into two wards named respectively—

(a) Barnard Castle East;

(b) Barnard Castle West.

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

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

Wards of the parish of Bishop Auckland and number of councillors

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Bishop Auckland are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into four wards named respectively—

(a) Bishop Auckland Town;

(b) Cockton Hill;

(c) Henknowle;

(d) Woodhouse Close.

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

(4) Three councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Cockton Hill;

(b) Henknowle;

(**3**) 1983 c.2. Section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), section 17 of the Greater London Authority Act l999 (c.29) and section 60 (1) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).

(c) Woodhouse Close.

(5) Two councillors are to be elected for Bishop Auckland Town ward.

Wards of the parish of Brandon and Byshottles and number of councillors

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Brandon and Byshottles are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into six wards named respectively—

(a) Central;

(b) East;

(c) North;

(d) South;

(e) Ushaw Moor;

(f) West.

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

(4) Four councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Central;

(b) Ushaw Moor;

(c) West.

(5) Three councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) East;

(b) North;

(c) South.

Wards of the parish of Cornsay and number of councillors

8.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Cornsay are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into two wards named respectively—

(a) Cornsay;

(b) Hamsteels Estate.

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

(4) Eight councillors are to be elected for Hamsteels Estate ward.

(5) Three councillors are to be elected for Cornsay ward.

Wards of the parish of Dalton-le-Dale and number of councillors

9.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Dalton-le-Dale are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into two wards named respectively—

(a) Dalton Urban;

(b) Dalton Village.

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

(4) Five councillors are to be elected for Dalton Urban ward.

(5) Four councillors are to be elected for Dalton Village ward.

Wards of the parish of Edmondsley and number of councillors

10.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Edmondsley are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into two wards named respectively—

(a) Edmondsley;

(b) Twizell.

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

(4) Ten councillors are to be elected for Edmondsley ward.

(5) One councillor is to be elected for Twizell ward.

Wards of the parish of Great Aycliffe and number of councillors

11.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Great Aycliffe are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into eight wards named respectively—

(a) Aycliffe Central;

(b) Aycliffe Village;

(c) Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall;

(d) Neville;

(e) Shafto St Marys;

(f) Simpasture;

(g) West;

(h) Woodham.

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

(4) Six councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall;

(b) West;

(c) Woodham.

(5) Four councillors are to be elected for Shafto St Marys ward.

(6) Three councillors are to be elected for Aycliffe Central ward.

(7) Two councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Neville;

(b) Simpasture.

(8) One councillor is to be elected for Aycliffe Village ward.

Wards of the parish of Haswell and number of councillors

12.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Haswell are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into two wards named respectively—

(a) Haswell Plough;

(b) Haswell Village.

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

(4) Seven councillors are to be elected for Haswell Village ward.

(5) Two councillors are to be elected for Haswell Plough ward.

Wards of the parish of Marwood and number of councillors

13.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Marwood are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into two wards named respectively—

(a) Marwood Rural;

(b) Marwood Urban.

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

(4) Four councillors are to be elected for Marwood Urban ward.

(5) Three councillors are to be elected for Marwood Rural ward.

Wards of the parish of Peterlee and number of councillors

14.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Peterlee are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into five wards named respectively—

(a) Acre Rigg;

(b) Dene House;

(c) Edenhill;

(d) Howletch;

(e) Passfield.

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

(4) Five councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Acre Rigg;

(b) Passfield.

(5) Four councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Dene House;

(b) Edenhill;

(c) Howletch.

Wards of the parish of Seaham and number of councillors

15.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Seaham are abolished.

(2) The parish is divided into six wards named respectively—

(a) Dawdon;

(b) Deneside;

(c) Seaham Central;

(d) Seaham Harbour;

(e) Seaham North;

(f) Westlea.

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

(4) Five councillors are to be elected for Dawdon ward.

(5) Four councillors are to be elected for each of the following wards:

(a) Deneside;

(b) Seaham North.