Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 240(6) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Areas and Membership of Public Bodies in Bedfordshire and Cheshire) Order 2008

Made - - - - ***
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(1) and (2)

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7, 11 and 13 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007(**1**).

The incidental, consequential, transitional and supplementary provision made by this Order relates to the Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008(**2**) and the Cheshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008(**3**), which were made under section 7 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007(**4**).

In accordance with section 240(6) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, a draft of this Order was laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Government (Structural Changes) (Areas and Membership of Public Bodies in Bedfordshire and Cheshire) Order 2008 and subject to paragraph (2) comes into force on 1st April 2009.

(**1**) 2007, c.28. Section 13(2) provides for section 13(1) to be read with section 15.
(**2**) S.I. 2008/907.
(**3**) S.I. 2008/634.
(**4**) Section 13(3) provides that any incidental, consequential, transitional or supplementary provision included in an order under section 7 may relate either to other provisions of the order or to a previous order under section 7.

(2) This article, articles 8 and 9 and Schedules 1 and 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) In this Order—

"the 1992 Act" means the Local Government Finance Act 1992(**5**);

"Bedfordshire Fire Order" means the Bedfordshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1996(**6**);

"Cheshire Fire Order" means the Cheshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1997(**7**);

"Police Regulations" means the Police Authority Regulations 2008(**8**);

"shadow council" means an authority (not being a local authority) which will become a local authority on 1 April 2009 by virtue of an order under section 7 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007; and

"transitional period" means the period beginning on the date on which articles 8 and 9 and the Schedules to this Order come into force in accordance with paragraph (2), and ending immediately before 1 April 2009.

PART 2

BEDFORDSHIRE

Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority

2. In paragraph 3 of the Schedule to the Bedfordshire Fire Order (the combined area), for "the council of the borough of Luton and Bedfordshire County Council", substitute "Luton Borough Council, Bedford Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council".

Bedfordshire Police Authority

3. In the table in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996(**9**) (police areas), for the entry in the second column opposite the name of the Bedfordshire police area, substitute "The non-metropolitan districts of Bedford, Central Bedfordshire and Luton".

Bedfordshire Valuation Tribunal

4. In Schedule 1 of the Valuation and Community Charge Tribunals Regulations 1989(**10**), the entry for Bedfordshire is amended as follows—

(a) in column 2, for "Bedfordshire and Luton" substitute "Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Luton";

(b) in column 3, omit "Bedfordshire County Council", and in the corresponding place in column 4, omit "2";

(c) in column 3, before "Luton Borough Council", insert new entries "Bedford Borough Council" and "Central Bedfordshire Council", and in each corresponding place in column 4 insert "1".

(**5**) 1992 c.14.
(**6**) S.I. 1996/2918.
(**7**) S.I. 1997/2697.
(**8**) S.I. 2008/630.
(**9**) 1996, c.16.
(**10**) 1989/439, amended by S.I.s 1997/2954 and 2000/409; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

PART 3

CHESHIRE

Cheshire Fire Authority

5. In paragraph 3 of the Schedule to the Cheshire Fire Order (the combined area), for "the councils of the boroughs of Halton and Warrington and Cheshire County Council", substitute "Halton Borough Council, Warrington Borough Council, Cheshire East Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council".

Cheshire Police Authority

6. In the table in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996 (police areas), for the entry in the second column opposite the name of the Cheshire police area, substitute "The non-metropolitan districts of Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Halton and Warrington".

Cheshire Valuation Tribunal

7. In Schedule 1 of the Valuation and Community Charge Tribunals Regulations 1989(**11**), the entry for Cheshire is amended as follows—

(a) in column 2, for "Cheshire, Halton and Warrington" substitute "Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Halton and Warrington";

(b) in column 3, omit "Cheshire County Council", and in the corresponding place in column 4, omit "7";

(c) in column 3, before the entry "Halton Borough Council, insert new entries "Cheshire East Council" and "Cheshire West and Chester Council", and in each corresponding place in column 4 insert "3".

PART 5

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

Fire and rescue authorities

8. Schedule 1, which makes transitional provision in relation to the appointment of local authority members of the Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority and the Cheshire Fire Authority, has effect.

Police authorities

9. Schedule 2, which makes transitional provision in relation to the appointment of local authority members of the Bedfordshire Police Authority and the Cheshire Police Authority, has effect.

(**11**) 1989/439, amended by S.I.s 1997/2954 and 2000/409; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Name
Minister of State
Department for Local Communities and Local Government

Date