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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2011 No. 1168**

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Local Justice Areas Order 2011**

*Made - - - - 26th April 2011*

*Laid before Parliament 27th April 2011*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 8(4) and 108(6) of the Courts Act 2003<sup>(1)</sup> and after consulting in accordance with section 8(5A) and 8(6) of that Act, makes the following Order.

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Justice Areas Order 2011.

(2) This Order comes into force on 19th May 2011 for the purposes of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order.

(3) For all other purposes this Order comes into force on 1st January 2012.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“existing area” means a local justice area as it exists immediately before 1st January 2012;

“new area” means a local justice area constituted by this Order.

Any reference to a justice for an area is to be construed as a reference to a justice of the peace who ordinarily acts, or as the case may be, will, on or after 1st January 2012, ordinarily act, in and for that area.

**New Areas**

3. The existing areas named in the left hand column of Table 1 are combined to become the new area named in the corresponding right hand column.

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(1) [2003 c.39](#). Section 8(5A) was inserted by the Constitutional Reform Act [2005 \(c.4\)](#), section 15(1) and Schedule 4, paragraph 312. Section 108(6) was amended by the Constitutional Reform Act [2005 \(c.4\)](#), section 15(1) and Schedule 4, paragraph 348.

**Table 1**

<i>Existing Areas</i>	<i>New Area</i>
<b>LONDON</b>	
Ealing, Hounslow and Hillingdon	West London
Barking, Havering and Redbridge	North East London
Barnet, Brent and Harrow Gore	North West London
Kingston, Merton, Richmond-upon-Thames and Wandsworth	South West London
Croydon, Lambeth and Southwark, and Sutton	South London
Greenwich and Lewisham, Bexley and Bromley	South East London
Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea, City of London and City of Westminster	Central London
Camden and Islington, Enfield and Haringey	North London
Hackney and Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest	East London
<b>MIDLANDS</b>	
Sutton Coldfield and Birmingham	Birmingham
Ashby de-la-Zouch and Market Bosworth	Ashby de-la-Zouch and Market Bosworth
Daventry, Towcester and Northampton	Northampton, Daventry and Towcester
Leicester, Market Harborough and Lutterworth	Leicester, Market Harborough and Lutterworth
Loughborough and Melton, Belvoir and Rutland	Loughborough, Melton, Belvoir and Rutland
Newark and Southwell, and Nottingham	Nottingham and Newark
Worksop and Retford, and Mansfield	Mansfield and Worksop
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	
Langbaugh East and Teesside	Teesside
Houghton-le-Spring and Sunderland	City of Sunderland
Tynedale and Newcastle-upon-Tyne District	Newcastle and Tynedale
Alnwick and South East Northumberland	Mid and South East Northumberland
Beverley and the Wolds, Bridlington, and Goole and Howdenshire	East Yorkshire
Bradford and Keighley	Bradford and Keighley
Wakefield and Pontefract	Wakefield and Pontefract
Batley and Dewsbury, and Huddersfield	Kirklees
York and Selby	York and Selby
Harrogate and Skipton	Harrogate and Skipton

<i>Existing Areas</i>	<i>New Area</i>
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	
Liverpool and Knowsley	Liverpool and Knowsley
Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston, and Vale Royal	West Cheshire
North Sefton District and South Sefton District	Sefton
Carlisle and District, and Eden	North Cumbria
West Allerdale and Keswick, and Whitehaven	West Cumbria
Blackburn, Darwen and Ribble Valley, and Hyndburn	East Lancashire
Bury and Rochdale, and Middleton and Heywood	Bury and Rochdale
Manchester City and City of Salford	Manchester and Salford
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	
West Hertfordshire and Central Hertfordshire	West and Central Hertfordshire
North Hertfordshire and East Hertfordshire	North and East Hertfordshire
Milton Keynes, Wycombe and Beaconsfield, and Central Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire
Southern Oxfordshire, Northern Oxfordshire and Oxford	Oxfordshire
East Berkshire, West Berkshire and Reading	Berkshire
Peterborough and Fenland	North Cambridgeshire
East Cambridgeshire and Cambridge	South Cambridgeshire
Mid-North Essex, North West Essex and North East Essex	North Essex
Mid-South Essex, South West Essex and South East Essex	South Essex
Central Norfolk, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, West Norfolk, Great Yarmouth and Norwich	Norfolk
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	
Central Devon and North Devon	North and East Devon
East Cornwall and West Cornwall	Cornwall
Plymouth District and South Devon	South and West Devon
Taunton Deane and West Somerset, and Sedgemoor	Taunton Deane, West Somerset and Sedgemoor
New Forest and Southampton	West Hampshire
North East Hampshire and North West Hampshire	North Hampshire
<b>WALES</b>	

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<i>Existing Areas</i>	<i>New Area</i>
De Brycheiniog and Radnor, and North Brecknock	Brecknock and Radnorshire
Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan	Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan
Carmarthen, Dinefwr and Llanelli	Carmarthenshire
Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire	Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire

### **Division of Areas**

4.—(1) The existing area of North West Surrey is divided between the two existing areas of North Surrey and South West Surrey in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) The area of Runnymede Borough Council is added to the existing area of North Surrey.

(3) The areas of Woking Borough Council and Surrey Heath District Council respectively are added to the existing area of South West Surrey.

### **Amendments to the Local Justice Area Order 2005**

5. The Schedule set out at Schedule 1 to this Order is substituted for the Schedule to the Local Justice Areas Order 2005(2).

### **Consequential and transitional provisions**

6. The consequential and transitional provisions set out in Schedule 2 to this Order have effect.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

26th April 2011

*J Djanogly*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Ministry of Justice

SCHEDULE 1

Article 5

Local Justice Areas in England and Wales

“SCHEDULE

**Local Justice Areas in England and Wales**

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Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Market Bosworth

Barnsley District

Bath and Wansdyke

Bedford and Mid Bedfordshire

Berkshire

Berwick-upon-Tweed

Birmingham

Bolton

Bradford and Keighley

Brecknock and Radnorshire

Bristol

Bromsgrove and Redditch

Buckinghamshire

Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale

Bury and Rochdale

Calderdale

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan

Carmarthenshire

Central and South West Staffordshire

Central Kent

Central London

Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire

Chorley

City of Sunderland

Conwy

Corby

Cornwall

Coventry District

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Cynon Valley  
Denbighshire  
Doncaster  
Dudley and Halesowen  
East Dorset  
East Kent  
East Lancashire  
East Lincolnshire  
East London  
East Yorkshire  
Flintshire  
Furness and District  
Fylde Coast  
Gateshead District  
Gloucestershire  
Grimsby and Cleethorpes  
Gwent  
Gwynedd  
Halton  
Harrogate and Skipton  
Hartlepool  
Herefordshire  
High Peak  
Hull and Holderness  
Huntingdonshire  
Isle of Wight  
Kettering  
Kidderminster  
Kirklees  
Lancaster  
Leeds District  
Leicester, Market Harborough and Lutterworth  
Liverpool and Knowsley  
Loughborough, Melton, Belvoir and Rutland  
Luton and South Bedfordshire

Macclesfield  
Manchester and Salford  
Mansfield and Worksop  
Merthyr Tydfil  
Mid and South East Northumberland  
Miskin  
Montgomeryshire  
Neath Port Talbot  
Newcastle and Tynedale  
Newcastle and Ogmere  
Norfolk  
North and East Devon  
North and East Hertfordshire  
North Avon  
North Cambridgeshire  
North Cumbria  
North Devon  
North Durham  
North East Derbyshire and Dales  
North East London  
North East Suffolk  
North Essex  
North Hampshire  
North Kent  
North Lincolnshire  
North London  
North Somerset  
North Staffordshire  
North Surrey  
North Tyneside District  
North West London  
North West Wiltshire  
Northallerton and Richmond  
Northampton, Daventry and Towcester  
Nottingham and Newark

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Oldham  
Ormskirk  
Oxfordshire  
Preston  
Rotherham  
Sandwell  
Scarborough  
Sefton  
Sheffield  
Shrewsbury and North Shropshire  
Solihull  
South and West Devon  
South Cambridgeshire  
South Cheshire  
South Durham  
South East Hampshire  
South East London  
South East Staffordshire  
South East Suffolk  
South East Surrey  
South East Wiltshire  
South Essex  
South Hampshire  
South Lakeland  
South Lincolnshire  
South London  
South Ribble  
South Somerset and Mendip  
South Tyneside District  
South West London  
South West Surrey  
South Worcestershire  
Southern Derbyshire  
St Helens  
Stockport



Sussex (Central)  
Sussex (Eastern)  
Sussex (Northern)  
Sussex (Western)  
Swansea County  
Swindon  
Tameside  
Taunton Deane, West Somerset and Sedgemoor  
Teesside  
Telford and South Shropshire  
Trafford  
Wakefield and Pontefract  
Walsall and Aldridge  
Warrington  
Warwickshire  
Wellingborough  
West and Central Hertfordshire  
West Cheshire  
West Cumbria  
West Dorset  
West Hampshire  
West Lincolnshire  
West London  
West Suffolk  
Wigan and Leigh  
Wirral  
Wolverhampton  
Wrexham Maelor  
Ynys Môn/Anglesey  
York and Selby”

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## SCHEDULE 2

Article 6

### PART 1

#### Consequential and Transitional Provisions

1.—(1) The persons and bodies referred to in sub-paragraph (2) shall be formed, appointed or elected (as the case may be) in the prescribed manner and for the prescribed term, to take office on 1st January 2012.

(2) The persons and bodies are:

- (a) a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of the justices of a local justice area;
- (b) a Bench Training and Development Committee;
- (c) a family panel, and a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of a family panel;
- (d) a youth panel, and a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of a youth panel.

(3) In sub-paragraph (1), the expressions “the prescribed manner” and “the prescribed term” mean respectively—

- (a) in relation to the election of a chairman or deputy chairman, the manner prescribed by the Justices of the Peace (Size and Chairmanship of Bench) Rules 2005(3) and a term ending on 31st December 2012;
- (b) in relation to the formation of a Bench Training and Development Committee and the appointment of a member of a Bench Training and Development Committee, the manner prescribed by the Justices of the Peace (Training and Development Committee) Rules 2007(4) and a term ending for one third of the members on 31st December in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively;
- (c) in relation to the formation of a family panel and the election of a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of a family panel, the manner prescribed by the Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007(5), and as regards any such election, a term ending on 31st December 2012;
- (d) in relation to the formation of a youth panel and the election of a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of a youth panel, the manner prescribed by the Youth Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007(6), and as regards any such election, a term ending on 31st December 2012.

(4) In this Part of this Schedule any reference to the manner prescribed by rules or regulations for any election or appointment shall not include provisions relating to dates, times or time limits.

2.—(1) The persons who will be justices for a new area may hold a meeting before 1st January 2012 for the purposes set out in this Part of the Schedule and in order to prepare to assume their functions on and after that date.

(2) If a meeting is held in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) it shall be treated as if it were a meeting of the justices for the new area for the purposes of the enactments cited in this Part of this Schedule despite the fact that the new area was not at that time in existence.

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(3) [S.I. 2005/553](#).

(4) [S.I. 2007/1609](#).

(5) [S.I. 2007/1610](#) as amended by [S.I. 2007/2621](#).

(6) [S.I. 2007/1611](#) as amended by [S.I. 2007/2622](#).

(3) The persons and bodies appointed or elected for a new area under paragraph 1(1) may hold one or more meetings after the conclusion of the process of appointment or election but before 1st January 2012 for the purpose of preparing to assume their functions on and after that date.

## PART 2

### Other things done

3. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule anything done before 1st January 2012 by, to, before or in relation to any justices for an existing area, their clerk or any other officer of the court, shall on or after that date, be deemed to have been done by, to, before or in relation to those justices, their clerk or any other officer of the court, as justices for the new area, their clerk or any other officer of the court, as the case may be.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order provides for the reorganisation of local justice areas.

This Order comes into force on 19th May 2011 for the purpose of enabling appointments to be made and elections to be held on the basis of the altered local justice areas. It comes into force on 1st January 2012 for the substantive creation of the new local justice areas.