

POLICY NOTE TO
THE ABERDEEN CITY (ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS) VARIATION ORDER
2013

SSI 2013/115

The above instrument will be made by Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 26 and 233 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (1973 Act) and all other powers enabling them to do so. This instrument attracts no procedure.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of this Order is to modify the names of 4 ward areas within the Aberdeen City Council boundary. This Order facilitates the view of Aberdeen City Council that the ward names should be changed to better reflect the areas they cover.

The Ward names affected by this Order are:

“Kingswells/Sheddocksley” will change to “Kingswells/Sheddocksley/Summerhill”;

“Northfield” will change to “Northfield/Mastrick North”;

“Hilton/Stockethill” will change to “Hilton/Woodside/Stockethill”; and

“Kincorth/Loirston” will change to “Kincorth/Nigg/Cove”.

The Boundaries for these wards will remain unchanged.

Consultation

In accordance with section 26(2) of the 1973 Act, notice was published on the Scottish Government website and in the Aberdeen Press & Journal and Aberdeen Evening Express on 31 October 2012. Copies of the order were also available for inspection at the Council customer service centre and at a range of community centres and public libraries in each of the relevant wards. The closing date for comments was 31 December 2012.

The consultation attracted one response, a petition sent by Labour councillor Angela Taylor on behalf of residents in her ward Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee. The Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee ward is currently represented by one Labour, one Liberal Democrat, and one SNP councillor. The ward has an electorate of approximately 11,600.

The petition, which was signed by 65 residents, registered dissent at the proposal to remove ‘Airyhall’ from the ward name and replace it with ‘Mannofield’. The response noted that residents would be willing to see ‘Mannofield’ added to the ward name, but do not wish to see ‘Airyhall’ deleted.

Aberdeen City Council considered the petition at a meeting of the Corporate Policy & Performance Committee on 21 February 2013. The formal view of the Council is that the name of the Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee ward should now remain unchanged, as suggested

by the petitioners and is therefore not included in this Order. The proposed changes for the other four wards still stand.

Financial Effects

This instrument has no financial effects.

Scottish Government Directorate for Strategy and Constitution
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