

1999 No. 2581

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The District of Easington (Electoral Changes) Order 1999

Made - - - - 7th September 1999

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(a), has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated October 1998 on its review of the district of Easington together with its recommendations:

And whereas the Secretary of State has decided to give effect to those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17(b) and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District of Easington (Electoral Changes) Order 1999.

(2) This Order shall come into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to elections to be held on 1st May 2003, on 10th October 2002;
- (b) for all other purposes, on 1st May 2003.

(3) In this Order—

“district” means the district of Easington;

“existing”, in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and

any reference to the map is a reference to the map prepared by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions marked “Map of the District of Easington (Electoral Changes) Order 1999”, and deposited in accordance with regulation 27 of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(c).

Wards of Easington

2.—(1) The existing wards of the district(d) shall be abolished.

(2) The district shall be divided into twenty wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(3) The wards shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to parishes, or parish wards or to parishes and parish wards or, where no area is so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

(a) 1992 c. 19.

(b) Section 17 is amended by section 39(4) and (5) of the Police and Magistrates’ Courts Act 1994 (c. 29).

(c) S.I. 1994/867, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(d) See the District of Easington (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1859).

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

Wards of the parish of Dalton-le-Dale

3. The parish of Dalton-le-Dale shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Horden

4.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Horden shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 3; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Murton

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Murton shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 4; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Wards of the parish of Peterlee

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Peterlee shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Acre Rigg, Dene House, Eden Hill, Howletch and Passfield; and each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward bearing the same name.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Acre Rigg, Dene House, Edenhill and Howletch parish wards shall be four and for the Passfield parish ward shall be six.

Wards of the parish of Seaham

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Seaham shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into four parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 5; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the district ward specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

Numbers of parish councillors for Haswell and Thornley parishes

8.—(1) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the Haswell parish shall be nine.

(2) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the Thornley parish shall be ten.

Revocation

9. The District of Easington (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978 is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

Beverley Hughes
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment,
Transport and the Regions

7th September 1999

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) <i>Name of Ward</i>	(2) <i>Area of Ward</i>	(3) <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Acre Rigg		2
Blackhalls	The parish wards of Blackhalls Colliery and Blackhalls Rocks of the parish of Monk Hesleden	3
Dawdon		3
Dene House		2
Deneside		3
Easington Colliery	The parish of Easington Colliery	3
Easington Village and South Hetton	The parishes of Easington Village, Hawthorn and South Hetton	3
Eden Hill		2
Haswell and Shotton	The parishes of Haswell and Shotton	3
Horden North		3
Horden South		2
Howletch		2
Hutton Henry	The parish of Castle Eden, Nesbitt and Sheraton with Hulam, the parish ward of Hutton Henry of the parish of Hutton Henry and the parish ward of Hesleden of the parish of Monk Hesleden	1
Murton East		2
Murton West		2
Passfield		3
Seaham Harbour		3
Seaham North		3
Thornley and Wheatley Hill	The parishes of Thornley and Wheatley Hill	3
Wingate	The parishes of Trimdon Foundry and Wingate and the parish ward of Station Town of the parish of Hutton Henry	3

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF DALTON-LE-DALE:
NAMES, AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS**

(1) <i>Name of Ward</i>	(2) <i>Area of Ward</i>	(3) <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Dalton Urban	So much of the district ward of Deneside as comprises the parish of Dalton-le-Dale	5
Dalton Village	So much of the district ward of Murton East as comprises the parish of Dalton-le-Dale	4

SCHEDULE 3

Article 4

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF HORDEN:
NAMES, AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS**

(1) <i>Name of Ward</i>	(2) <i>Area of Ward</i>	(3) <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Horden North	So much of the district ward of Horden North as comprises the parish of Horden	8
Horden South	So much of the district ward of Horden South as comprises the parish of Horden	7

SCHEDULE 4

Article 5

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF MURTON:
NAMES, AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS**

(1) <i>Name of Ward</i>	(2) <i>Area of Ward</i>	(3) <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Murton East	So much of the district ward of Murton East as comprises the parish of Murton	12
Murton West	So much of the district ward of Murton West as comprises the parish of Murton	9

SCHEDULE 5

Article 7

**WARDS OF THE PARISH OF SEAHAM:
NAMES, AREAS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS**

(1) <i>Name of Ward</i>	(2) <i>Area of Ward</i>	(3) <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Dawdon	The Dawdon district ward	5
Deneside	So much of the district ward of Deneside as comprises the parish of Seaham	5
Seaham Harbour	The Seaham Harbour district ward	6
Seaham North	So much of the district ward of Seaham North as comprises the parish of Seaham	5

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the district of Easington. The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after 1st May 2003.

Article 2 abolishes all of the existing wards of the district and provides for the creation of 20 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Articles 3 to 8 make electoral changes in the parishes of Dalton-le-Dale, Haswell, Horden, Peterlee, Murton, Seaham and Thornley.

Article 9 revokes the District of Easington (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1978.

The areas of the new district wards are demarcated on the map described in article 1(3). Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Easington District Council and at the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, 2nd Floor, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.

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