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**2008 No.**

**The Northumberland (Structural Change) Order 2008**

**PART 2**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE TIER LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT IN NORTHUMBERLAND**

**Single tier local government in Northumberland**

**3.—**(1) On and after 1st April 2009 the Northumberland council shall be the sole principal council for Northumberland.

(2) For the purposes of enactments relating to local government, a new district shall be constituted, whose area shall be co-terminous with that of Northumberland; and the name of that new district shall be Northumberland.

**Abolition of districts and winding up and dissolution of district councils**

**4.** On 1st April 2009—

(a) the following local government areas shall be abolished—

- (i) the borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed,
- (ii) the borough of Blyth Valley,
- (iii) the borough of Castle Morpeth,
- (iv) the district of Alnwick,
- (v) the district of Tynedale, and
- (vi) the district of Wansbeck; and

(b) the following councils shall be wound up and dissolved—

- (i) Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council,
- (ii) Blyth Valley Borough Council,
- (iii) Castle Morpeth Borough Council,
- (iv) Alnwick District Council,
- (v) Tynedale District Council, and
- (vi) Wansbeck District Council.

**Cessation of term of office of district councillors**

**5.** Every person who holds office as a councillor of one of the district councils immediately before 1st April 2009 shall cease to hold office on that date.