
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 639

The West Suffolk (Local Government Changes) Order 2018

PART 2

Establishment of single district council in West Suffolk

Establishment of West Suffolk district

3.—(1) On 1st April 2019 there is constituted a new non-metropolitan district in the county of Suffolk, whose area is co-terminous with that of the Relevant Councils.

(2) The name of that new district is West Suffolk.

Establishment of West Suffolk Council

4.—(1) A new non-metropolitan district council, to be known as West Suffolk Council, is constituted as the non-metropolitan district council for West Suffolk.

(2) Except for the purposes of Part 4 of this Order (electoral matters) until 1st April 2019—

- (a) West Suffolk Council is not a local authority for the purposes of the 1972 Act or for any other enactment relating to local government;
- (b) subsection (2) of section 2 of the 1972 Act (constitution of principal councils in England) has effect in relation to that council as if the words from “and the council” to the end of that subsection were omitted.

Abolition of Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury districts and their councils

5.—(1) On 1st April 2019—

- (a) the Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury districts are abolished as local government areas;
- (b) the Relevant Councils are wound up and dissolved.

(2) The term of office of persons serving as councillors of the Relevant Councils immediately before 1st April 2019 ends on that date.

(3) Nothing in section 89 of the 1972 Act (filling of casual vacancies in case of councillors) authorises the holding of an election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of councillor of the Relevant Councils where that vacancy arises after 30th September 2018 and before 1st April 2019.