

**2007 No. 489**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The West Lancashire (Parish Electoral Arrangements and  
Electoral Changes) Order 2007**

*Made* - - - - *21st February 2007*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and 1(3)*

West Lancashire District Council, under section 12(a) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(b) (“the 1997 Act”), have sent to the Electoral Commission(c) proposals dated August 2006 for electoral arrangements in the proposed parish of Lathom South(d) in the district of West Lancashire and for electoral changes to four wards of the district of West Lancashire and three electoral divisions of the county of Lancashire:

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals and, in relation to the changes affecting the proposed parish of Lathom South(e), to make related alterations of the boundaries of Bickerstaffe, Derby, Newburgh and Skelmersdale South wards of the district of West Lancashire, and Skelmersdale West, West Lancashire East and West Lancashire South electoral divisions of the county of Lancashire:

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(f) and 23(g) of the 1997 Act, make the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the West Lancashire (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007.

(2) This Order, with the exception of article 7, comes into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, on the day after that on which it is made;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007.

(3) Article 7 comes into force—

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(a) This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(b) 1997 c.29.

(c) The Electoral Commission was established by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State, under sections 13, 14 and 17(4) of the 1997 Act (c.29), to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(d) The parish of Lathom South was created by the West Lancashire (Parish) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/404).

(e) The parish of Lathom South was created by S.I. 2007/404.

(f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

(g) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009, on 15th October 2008;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009.

## **Interpretation**

### **2. In this Order—**

“county” means the county of Lancashire;

“district” means the district of West Lancashire;

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

“map” means the map marked “Map referred to in the West Lancashire (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2007”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a);

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

## **Parish and district elections**

**3.—**(1) The election of all parish councillors for the parish of Lathom South shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007(c).

(2) The term of office of the district councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2006 for Newburgh district ward(d) shall be one year.

(3) The election of the councillor for that ward shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007 and 2010(e).

(4) The term of office of the councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007 for that ward shall be three years.

## **Number of parish councillors for the parish of Lathom South**

**4.** The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Lathom South shall be seven.

## **Numbers of district councillors for Bickerstaffe and Newburgh district wards**

**5.** The number of councillors to be elected for each of Bickerstaffe(f) and Newburgh district wards shall be one.

## **Alteration of the areas of district wards**

**6.—**(1) The existing Bickerstaffe and Newburgh district wards shall be abolished.

(2) Bickerstaffe district ward shall comprise the areas of the parishes of Bickerstaffe, Lathom South and Simonswood.

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(a) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29).

(b) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).

(c) Article 3 provides for the parish election in the new parish of Lathom South in 2007. Section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70) provides for parish elections to take place every four years.

(d) See the District of West Lancashire (Electoral Changes) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2432).

(e) Article 3 also provides for a district election in Newburgh district ward in 2007, and in 2010. Article 3 of, and Schedule 2 to, S.I. 2001/2432 provide for the election in this ward to take place every four years.

(f) See S.I. 2001/2432.

(3) Newburgh district ward shall comprise the areas of the parishes of Lathom and Newburgh.

(4) The area coloured and designated by the letter “A” on the map shall cease to be part of Derby district ward(a).

(5) The area coloured and designated by the letter “B” on the map shall cease to be part of Skelmersdale South district ward(b).

#### **Alteration of the areas of county electoral divisions**

7.—(1) The area coloured and designated by the letter “A” on the map shall cease to be part of West Lancashire East county electoral division(c) and shall become part of West Lancashire South county electoral division(d).

(2) The area coloured and designated by the letter “B” on the map shall cease to be part of Skelmersdale West county electoral division(e) and shall become part of West Lancashire South county electoral division(f).

#### **Map**

8. West Lancashire District Council shall make a print of the map available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

#### **Electoral register**

9. The registration officer for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 21st day of February 2007



21st February 2007

*Sam Younger*  
Chairman of the Commission

21st February 2007

*Jacqui Dixon*  
Secretary to the Commission

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(a) See S.I. 2001/2432.

(b) See S.I. 2001/2432.

(c) See the County of Lancashire (Electoral Changes) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/170).

(d) See S.I. 2005/170.

(e) See S.I. 2005/170.

(f) See S.I. 2005/170.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order gives effect to proposals sent to the Electoral Commission for the electoral arrangements for the new parish of Lathom South, created within the district of West Lancashire by the West Lancashire (Parish) Order 2007, and for related alterations of the boundaries of Bickerstaffe, Derby, Newburgh and Skelmersdale South wards of the district of West Lancashire, and Skelmersdale West, West Lancashire East and West Lancashire South electoral divisions of the county of Lancashire, as a result of the creation of the new parish.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish and district elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2007, and county elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2009.

Article 3 provides for the parish election in the parish of Lathom South in 2007, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years. That article also provides for district elections in Newburgh district ward in 2007 and 2010, and then to continue according to the established system of an election in that district ward every four years.

Article 4 specifies the number of parish councillors for the new parish of Lathom South.

Article 5 specifies the numbers of district councillors for Bickerstaffe and Newburgh district wards.

Article 6 abolishes Bickerstaffe and Newburgh wards of the district of West Lancashire and establishes the names and areas of replacement wards, and alters the areas of Derby and Skelmersdale South wards of the district of West Lancashire.

Article 7 alters the areas of Skelmersdale West, West Lancashire East and West Lancashire South electoral divisions of the county of Lancashire.

Article 9 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The map defined in article 2 shows alterations to the areas of Derby and Skelmersdale South wards of the district of West Lancashire, and Skelmersdale West, West Lancashire East and West Lancashire South electoral divisions of the county of Lancashire. It is available at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm) and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of West Lancashire District Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.