

2008 No. 747

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2008

Made - - - -

3rd March 2008

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council, under section 9(a) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(b) (“the 1997 Act”), have made to the Electoral Commission (c) proposals dated January 2008 for electoral arrangements in the proposed parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed and in the altered parish of Horncliffe(d) in the borough(e) of Berwick-upon-Tweed:

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals:

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 Berwick-upon-Tweed (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2008.

(2) This Order comes into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of parish councillors for the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008, on the day after that on which it is made;
- (b) for all other purposes in relation to that parish, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008.
- (c) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of parish councillors for the parishes of Horncliffe and Norham to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2013(h), on 15th October 2012; and

(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 Berwick-upon-Tweed was created and the parish of Horncliffe was altered by the Berwick-upon-Tweed (Parishes) Order 2008 S.I. 2008/290.
(e) The non-metropolitan district of Berwick-upon-Tweed has the status of a borough.
(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.
(h) See the Northumberland (Structural Change) Order S.I. 2008/494

- (d) for all other purposes in relation to those parishes on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2013.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“borough” means the borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed;

“map” means, unless otherwise specified in this Order, the map marked “Map referred to in the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed (Parish Electoral Arrangements and Electoral Changes) Order 2008”, of which prints are available for inspection at the principal office of the Electoral Commission: and, unless otherwise specified, any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

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

“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 elections for the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed

3.—(1) The election of all parish councillors for the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008(c).

Number of parish councillors for the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed

4. The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed shall be sixteen.

Wards of the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed

5.—(1) The parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed shall be divided into seven wards which shall be named Castle, Grove, Lower Spittal, Magdalene, St Boisil, Stadium and Upper Spittal.

(2) The wards of Castle, Grove, Magdalene, St Boisil and Stadium shall comprise the area of the borough wards (d) of Elizabeth, Prior, Edward, Seton and Shielfield respectively.

(3) The wards of Lower Spittal and Upper Spittal shall comprise the area designated on sheet 1 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each of Castle, Grove and St Boisil shall be three, for each of Lower Spittal, Magdalene and Upper Spittal shall be two and for Stadium shall be one.

Alteration of the areas of Horncliffe and Norham parish wards and Islandshire and Shielfield borough wards

6.—(1) Each area coloured and designated by the letter “D” on sheet 2 of the map referred to in the Berwick-upon-Tweed (Parishes) Order 2008(e) shall cease to be part of Horncliffe ward of the parish of Horncliffe and shall become part of Norham ward of the parish of Norham.

(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) Section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70) provides for parish elections to take place every four years.

(d) See the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed (Electoral Changes) Order 1998 S.I. 1998/2346.

(e) S.I. 2008/290

Map

7. Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough 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

8. The registration officer for the borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed 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 3rd day of March 2008



3rd March 2008

Sam Younger
Chairman

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to proposals made to the Electoral Commission for electoral arrangements for the new parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed and the altered parish of Horncliffe, as a result of changes to the boundaries of the parishes of Horncliffe and Norham made by the Berwick-upon-Tweed (Parishes) Order 2008.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008 in relation to the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and 2013 in relation to Horncliffe.

Article 3 provides for parish elections in the new parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed in 2008, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 4 establishes the numbers of parish councillors for the new parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Article 5 establishes the names and areas of the wards of the new parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed and the numbers of councillors for each ward.

Article 6 makes alterations to the areas of Horncliffe and Norham parish wards of the parishes of Horncliffe and Norham.

Article 8 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 the parish wards of Lower Spittal and Upper Spittal in the new parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed and the alterations to the parishes of Horncliffe and Norham. It is available at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-area/ParishEAOrders.cfm and, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.]