
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 331

The Cumbria (Structural Changes) Order 2022

PART 2

ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE TIER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN CUMBRIA

Single tier of local government in Westmorland and Furness

4.—(1) A new non-metropolitan county and a new non-metropolitan district, each to be known as Westmorland and Furness, are constituted comprising (in each case) the area of the Westmorland and Furness districts.

(2) A new district council, to be known as Westmorland and Furness Council, is established as the sole principal authority for the non-metropolitan district of Westmorland and Furness.

(3) Except for the purposes of Part 4 of this Order (electoral matters), until 1st April 2023—

- (a) Westmorland and Furness Council is not a local authority for the purposes of the 1972 Act or for any other enactment relating to local government; and
- (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.

(4) In relation to the county of Westmorland and Furness, section 2(1) of the 1972 Act (which provides that every county shall have a council) does not apply.

(5) On 1st April 2023—

- (a) the Westmorland and Furness districts are abolished as local government areas; and
- (b) the Westmorland and Furness councils are wound up and dissolved.