
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 494

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 authority for Northumberland.

(2) For the purposes of enactments relating to local government, there shall be a new district, 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.