



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART IV

CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Miscellaneous

74 Change of name of county, district or London borough.

- (1) Subject to subsection (5) below, the council of a county [^{F1}, county borough], district or London borough may, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object, change the name of the county [^{F1}, county borough], district or borough.
- (2) Where the name of a district which has been granted the status of a city, borough or royal borough or the name of a London borough is changed in pursuance of this section, the charter or other grant or incorporation order shall have effect as if the new name were substituted for the old.
- [^{F2}(2A) Where a Welsh principal area which has, by charter or other grant or incorporation order, been granted the status of a county borough, city or royal borough subsequently changes the name of the council in pursuance of this section, the charter or other grant or incorporation order shall have effect as if the new name were substituted for the old.]
- (3) Notice of any change of name made under this section ^{F3} . . . —
 - (a) shall be sent by the council concerned to [^{F4}the relevant Minister], to the Director General of the Ordnance Survey and to the Registrar General; and
 - (b) shall be published in such manner as [^{F5}the relevant Minister] may direct.
- [^{F6}(3A) Where any change of name under this section relates to a Welsh principal area, notice must also be sent to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.]
- (4) A change of name made in pursuance of this section ^{F7} . . . shall not affect any rights or obligations of any county [^{F8}, county borough], district or London borough or of any

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council, authority or person, or render defective any legal proceedings; and any legal proceedings may be commenced or continued as if there had been no change of name.

(5) ^{F9}

[^{F10}(6) ^{F11}

(7) If the name of a Welsh principal area is changed under this section, and there are generally accepted alternative English and Welsh forms of that name, or alternative English and Welsh names, both forms of the new name or (as the case may be) both names shall be published.]

[^{F12}(8) In this section the “relevant Minister” is—

- (a) in relation to the change of name of a Welsh principal area, the Welsh Ministers, and
- (b) in relation to any other change of name, the Secretary of State.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 74(1) inserted (3.4.1995) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 20(1)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1995/852, art. 9(1)(2), **Sch. 5**
- F2** S. 74(2A) inserted (3.4.1995) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 20(2)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1995/852, art. 9(1)(2), **Sch. 5**
- F3** Words in s. 74(3) repealed (3.4.1995) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5)(8), Sch. 15 para. 20(3), **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1995/852, art. 9(1)(2), **Sch. 5**
- F4** Words in s. 74(3)(a) substituted (30.9.2013) by Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 4), s. 75(2)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 1(7)(a)**
- F5** Words in s. 74(3)(b) substituted (30.9.2013) by Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 4), s. 75(2)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 1(7)(b)**
- F6** S. 74(3A) inserted (30.9.2013) by Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 4), s. 75(2)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 1(7)(c)**
- F7** Words in s. 74(4) repealed (3.4.1995) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5)(8), Sch. 15 para. 20(3), **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1995/852, art. 9(1)(2), **Sch. 5**
- F8** Words in s. 74(4) inserted (3.4.1995) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 20(4)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1995/852, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1**
- F9** S. 74(5) repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), s. 1(1), {Sch. 1 Pt. 10 Group 1}
- F10** S. 74(6)(7) added (3.4.1995) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 20(5)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1995/852, art. 9(1)(2), **Sch. 5**
- F11** S. 74(6) repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), s. 1(1), {Sch. 1 Pt. 10 Group 1}
- F12** S. 74(8) inserted (30.9.2013) by Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 4), s. 75(2)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 1(7)(d)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 74: functions of local authority not to be responsibility of an executive of the authority (E.) (16.11.2000) by virtue of S.I. 2000/2853, reg. 2(1), **Sch. 1**
- C2** S. 74(1) applied (with modifications)(1.8.1995) by S.I. 1995/1748, reg. 7

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)