
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No. 176

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The County of Durham (Electoral Changes) Order 2005

*Made - - - - 1st February 2005
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and
1(3)*

Whereas the Local Government Commission for England, acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(1), has submitted to the Secretary of State recommendations dated August 2000 on its review of the county of Durham:

And whereas the Electoral Commission(2) have decided to give effect, with modifications, to those recommendations:

And whereas a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations:

Now, therefore, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 17(3) and 26(4) of the Local Government Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the County of Durham (Electoral Changes) Order 2005.
- (2) This Order, with the exception of articles 4, 5, 6 and 7, shall come 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 2005, on the day after that on which it is made;
 - (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.
- (3) Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall come into force –

(1) 1992 c. 19. This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(2) 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 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 (c. 19), to the extent that they relate to electoral changes within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).

(3) This section has been amended by section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 (c. 22), S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.

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

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of a parish councillor for the parishes of Cassop-cum-Quarrington, Great Aycliffe, Seaham and Spennymoor to be held on the ordinary day of elections in 2007, on 15th October 2006;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of elections in 2007.

Interpretation

2. In this Order –

“county” means the county of Durham;

“existing”, in relation to an electoral division or ward, means the electoral division or ward as it exists on the date this Order is made;

references to wards, unless the context otherwise requires, are references to district, borough and city wards in the county⁽⁵⁾;

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked “Map referred to in the County of Durham (Electoral Changes) Order 2005”, of which prints are available for inspection at –

- (a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and
- (b) the offices of Durham County Council; and

any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number.

Divisions of the county of Durham

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of the county⁽⁶⁾ shall be abolished.

(2) The county shall be divided into sixty-three electoral divisions which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.

(3) The electoral divisions shall comprise the areas described in column (2) of that Schedule by reference to wards, parishes, or parish wards or, where an area is not so described, the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the electoral division and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division shall be one.

(4) Where a boundary is shown on the map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it shall be treated as running along the centre line of the feature.

Wards of the parish of Cassop-cum-Quarrington

4. The parish of Cassop-cum-Quarrington shall be divided into two parish wards which shall bear the names set out in column (1) of Schedule 2; each parish ward shall comprise the area of the division specified in respect of the parish ward in column (2) of that Schedule, and the number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward shall be the number specified in respect of the parish ward in column (3) of that Schedule.

(5) See the District of Chester-le-Street (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2503), the District of Derwentside (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2580), the City of Durham (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2579), the District of Easington (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2581), the Borough of Sedgefield (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2582), the District of Teesdale (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2583) and the District of Wear Valley (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2584).

(6) See the County of Durham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/190). The area of the county of Durham was altered by the Cleveland and Durham (Areas) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1658), the Cleveland and Durham (County Boundaries) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/2180), the Durham and North Yorkshire (County Boundaries) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/287), the Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear (County and District Boundaries) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/3050), the Durham and Tyne and Wear (County and District Boundaries) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/3054) and the Durham (Borough of Darlington) (Structural Change) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/1772).

Wards of the parish of Great Aycliffe

5.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Great Aycliffe shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into eight parish wards which shall bear the names Aycliffe Village, Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall, Neville, Shafto St Marys, Simpasture, West, Woodham North and Woodham South; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 5 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall, West and Woodham North parish wards shall be six, for each of the Neville, Shafto St Marys and Woodham South parish wards shall be three, for the Simpasture parish ward shall be two, and for the Aycliffe Village parish ward shall be one.

Wards of the parish of Seaham

6.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Seaham shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into six parish wards which shall bear the names Dawdon, Deneside, Seaham Harbour North, Seaham Harbour South, Seaham North and Westlea; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 2 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Dawdon and Deneside parish wards shall be five, for the Seaham Harbour North parish ward shall be four, for the Seaham North parish ward shall be three, and for each of the Seaham Harbour South and Westlea parish wards shall be two.

Wards of the parish of Spennymoor

7.—(1) The existing wards of the parish of Spennymoor shall be abolished.

(2) The parish shall be divided into six parish wards which shall bear the names Byers Green, Low Spennymoor and Tudhoe Grange, Merrington, Middlestone, Spennymoor and Tudhoe; and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheet 4 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of the Low Spennymoor and Tudhoe Grange, and Spennymoor parish wards shall be six, for each of the Middlestone and Tudhoe parish wards shall be four, and for each of the Byers Green and Merrington parish wards shall be one.

Maps

8. Durham County Council shall make a print of the map marked “Map referred to in the County of Durham (Electoral Changes) Order 2005” available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral registers

9. The Electoral Registration Officer⁽⁷⁾ for each district, borough or city in the county 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.

Revocation

10. The County of Durham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981⁽⁸⁾ is revoked, save for article 5.

(7) As to electoral registration officers and the register of local government electors, *see* sections 8 to 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

(8) S.I. 1981/190.

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Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 1st day of February 2005

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1st February 2005

Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

1st February 2005

Peter Wardle
Chief Executive to the Commission

SCHEDULE 1

article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Name of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Area of Electoral Division</i>
In the district of Chester-le-Street	
Chester-le-Street North and East	Chester East ward; Chester North ward
Chester-le-Street South	Chester South ward; Edmondsley and Waldrige ward
Chester-le-Street West Central	Chester Central ward; Chester West ward; Pelton Fell ward
Lumley	Bournmoor ward; Lumley ward
Ouston and Urpeth	Grange Villa and West Pelton ward; Ouston ward; Urpeth ward
Pelton	North Lodge ward; Pelton ward
Sacrison	Kimbleworth and Plawsworth ward; Sacrison ward
In the district of Derwentside	
Annfield Plain	Annfield Plain ward; Catchgate ward
Benfieldside	
Burnopfield and Dipton	Burnopfield ward; Dipton ward
Consett North	
Craghead and South Moor	
Delves Lane and Consett South	Consett East ward; Consett South ward; Delves Lane ward
Esh	Cornsay ward; Esh ward
Lanchester	Burnhope ward; Castleside ward; Lanchester ward
Leadgate and Medomsley	Ebchester and Medomsley ward; Leadgate ward
Stanley	
Tanfield	
In the city of Durham	
Belmont	Belmont ward; Carrville parish ward of Belmont parish
Brandon	Brandon ward; East and South parish wards of Brandon and Byshottles parish
Coxhoe	
Deerness Valley	Deerness ward; New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor ward; Brancepeth parish

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Durham South	
Elvet	Elvet ward; St Nicholas ward
Framwellgate Moor	
Gilesgate	Pelaw and Gilesgate ward; Gilesgate Moor parish ward of Belmont parish
Neville's Cross	Crossgate and Framwelgate ward; Neville's Cross ward
Newton Hall	
Sherburn	Pittington and West Rainton ward; Shadforth and Sherburn ward
In the district of Easington	
Blackhalls	Blackhalls ward; Nesbitt parish; Sheraton with Hulam parish; Hutton Henry and Station Town parish wards of Hutton Henry parish; Hesleden parish ward of Monk Hesleden parish
Dawdon	Dawdon ward; Seaham Harbour South parish ward of Seaham parish
Deneside	Deneside ward; Westlea parish ward of Seaham parish
Easington	Easington Colliery ward; Easington Village parish; Hawthorn parish
Horden	Horden North ward; Horden South ward
Murton	Murton East ward; Murton West ward
Peterlee East	Dene House ward; Eden Hill ward
Peterlee West	Acre Rigg ward; Howletch ward
Seaham	Seaton with Slingley parish; Seaham Harbour North and Seaham North parish wards of Seaham parish
Shotton	Haswell and Shotton ward; South Hetton parish
Thornley	Thornley and Wheatley Hill ward; Trimdon Foundry parish
Wingate	Passfield ward; Castle Eden parish; Wingate parish
In the borough of Sedgefield	
Aycliffe East	Aycliffe Village, Neville and Shafto St Marys parish wards of Great Aycliffe parish
Aycliffe North	Woodham ward; Woodham South parish ward of Great Aycliffe parish

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Name of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Area of Electoral Division</i>
Aycliffe West	West ward; Simpasture parish ward of Great Aycliffe parish
Chilton	Chilton ward; Cornforth parish; Merrington parish ward of Spennymoor parish
Ferryhill	Broom ward; Ferryhill ward
Sedgefield	Sedgefield ward; Bishop Middleham parish
Shildon East	Greenfield Middridge ward; Thicklely ward
Shildon West	Byerley ward; Sunnydale ward
Spennymoor and Middlestone	Spennymoor ward; Byers Green and Middlestone parish wards of Spennymoor parish
Trimdon	Fishburn and Old Trimdon ward; New Trimdon and Trimdon Grange ward
Tudhoe	Low Spennymoor and Tudhoe Grange ward; Tudhoe ward
In the district of Teesdale	
Barnard Castle East	Barnard Castle East ward; Barnard Castle North ward; Eggleston ward; Gainford and Winston ward; Ingleton ward; Staindrop ward; Streatlam and Whorlton ward
Barnard Castle West	Barnard Castle West ward; Barningham and Ovington ward; Cotherstone with Lartington ward; Greta ward; Middleton-in-Teesdale ward; Romalldkirk ward; Startforth ward
Evenwood	Cockfield ward; Etherley ward; Evenwood, Ramshaw and Lands ward; Hamsterley and South Bedburn ward; Lynesack ward
In the district of Wear Valley	
Bishop Auckland Town	Bishop Auckland Town ward; Cockton Hill ward
Coundon	Coundon ward; Dene Valley ward
Crook North and Tow Law	Crook North ward; Howden ward; Tow Law and Stanley ward
Crook South	Crook South ward; Wheatbottom and Helmington Row ward
Weardale	St John's Chapel ward; Stanhope ward; Wolsingham and Witton-le-Wear ward
West Auckland	Escomb ward; West Auckland ward
Willington	Hunwick ward; Willington Central ward; Willington West End ward

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<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Name of Electoral Division</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Area of Electoral Division</i>
Woodhouse Close	Henknowle ward; Woodhouse Close ward

SCHEDULE 2

article 4

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF CASSOP-CUM-QUARRINGTON
NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<i>Column (1)</i> <i>Name of Ward</i>	<i>Column (2)</i> <i>Area of Ward</i>	<i>Column (3)</i> <i>Number of Councillors</i>
Cassop-cum-Quarrington East	So much of the electoral division of Coxhoe as comprises the parish of Cassop-cum-Quarrington	4
Cassop-cum-Quarrington West	So much of the electoral division of Durham South as comprises the parish of Cassop-cum-Quarrington	11

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with modifications, to recommendations by the Local Government Commission for England for electoral changes in the county of Durham. The recommendations were submitted to the Secretary of State, but the functions of the Secretary of State under sections 13 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992 so far as they relate to electoral changes were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission under the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 ([S.I. 2001/3962](#)), with effect from 1st April 2002. That Order provides that recommendations submitted to the Secretary of State before 1st April 2002 would have effect as if they had been submitted to the Electoral Commission.

The modifications concern the boundaries between Craghead and South Moor, and Stanley electoral divisions, Dawdon and Seaham electoral divisions and Seaham Harbour North and Seaham Harbour South parish wards of the parish of Seaham.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of the county and provides for the creation of 63 new electoral divisions. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new electoral divisions. The number of councillors for each electoral division shall be one.

Articles 4 to 7 make electoral changes in the parishes of Cassop-cum-Quarrington, Great Aycliffe, Seaham and Spennymoor.

Article 9 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer for each district, borough or city in the county of Durham to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 10 revokes the County of Durham (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981, with the exception of article 5.

The areas of the new electoral divisions and of the new parish wards of the parishes of Great Aycliffe, Seaham and Spennymoor are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Durham County Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.