
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2011 No. 1168

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Local Justice Areas Order 2011

Made - - - - 26th April 2011

Laid before Parliament 27th April 2011

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 8(4) and 108(6) of the Courts Act 2003⁽¹⁾ and after consulting in accordance with section 8(5A) and 8(6) of that Act, makes the following Order.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Justice Areas Order 2011.

(2) This Order comes into force on 19th May 2011 for the purposes of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order.

(3) For all other purposes this Order comes into force on 1st January 2012.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“existing area” means a local justice area as it exists immediately before 1st January 2012;

“new area” means a local justice area constituted by this Order.

Any reference to a justice for an area is to be construed as a reference to a justice of the peace who ordinarily acts, or as the case may be, will, on or after 1st January 2012, ordinarily act, in and for that area.

New Areas

3. The existing areas named in the left hand column of Table 1 are combined to become the new area named in the corresponding right hand column.

(1) [2003 c.39](#). Section 8(5A) was inserted by the Constitutional Reform Act [2005 \(c.4\)](#), section 15(1) and Schedule 4, paragraph 312. Section 108(6) was amended by the Constitutional Reform Act [2005 \(c.4\)](#), section 15(1) and Schedule 4, paragraph 348.

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Table 1

<i>Existing Areas</i>	<i>New Area</i>
LONDON	
Ealing, Hounslow and Hillingdon	West London
Barking, Havering and Redbridge	North East London
Barnet, Brent and Harrow Gore	North West London
Kingston, Merton, Richmond-upon-Thames and Wandsworth	South West London
Croydon, Lambeth and Southwark, and Sutton	South London
Greenwich and Lewisham, Bexley and Bromley	South East London
Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea, City of London and City of Westminster	Central London
Camden and Islington, Enfield and Haringey	North London
Hackney and Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest	East London
MIDLANDS	
Sutton Coldfield and Birmingham	Birmingham
Ashby de-la-Zouch and Market Bosworth	Ashby de-la-Zouch and Market Bosworth
Daventry, Towcester and Northampton	Northampton, Daventry and Towcester
Leicester, Market Harborough and Lutterworth	Leicester, Market Harborough and Lutterworth
Loughborough and Melton, Belvoir and Rutland	Loughborough, Melton, Belvoir and Rutland
Newark and Southwell, and Nottingham	Nottingham and Newark
Worksop and Retford, and Mansfield	Mansfield and Worksop
NORTH EAST	
Langbaugh East and Teesside	Teesside
Houghton-le-Spring and Sunderland	City of Sunderland
Tynedale and Newcastle-upon-Tyne District	Newcastle and Tynedale
Alnwick and South East Northumberland	Mid and South East Northumberland
Beverley and the Wolds, Bridlington, and Goole and Howdenshire	East Yorkshire
Bradford and Keighley	Bradford and Keighley
Wakefield and Pontefract	Wakefield and Pontefract
Batley and Dewsbury, and Huddersfield	Kirklees
York and Selby	York and Selby
Harrogate and Skipton	Harrogate and Skipton

<i>Existing Areas</i>	<i>New Area</i>
NORTH WEST	
Liverpool and Knowsley	Liverpool and Knowsley
Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston, and Vale Royal	West Cheshire
North Sefton District and South Sefton District	Sefton
Carlisle and District, and Eden	North Cumbria
West Allerdale and Keswick, and Whitehaven	West Cumbria
Blackburn, Darwen and Ribble Valley, and Hyndburn	East Lancashire
Bury and Rochdale, and Middleton and Heywood	Bury and Rochdale
Manchester City and City of Salford	Manchester and Salford
SOUTH EAST	
West Hertfordshire and Central Hertfordshire	West and Central Hertfordshire
North Hertfordshire and East Hertfordshire	North and East Hertfordshire
Milton Keynes, Wycombe and Beaconsfield, and Central Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire
Southern Oxfordshire, Northern Oxfordshire and Oxford	Oxfordshire
East Berkshire, West Berkshire and Reading	Berkshire
Peterborough and Fenland	North Cambridgeshire
East Cambridgeshire and Cambridge	South Cambridgeshire
Mid-North Essex, North West Essex and North East Essex	North Essex
Mid-South Essex, South West Essex and South East Essex	South Essex
Central Norfolk, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, West Norfolk, Great Yarmouth and Norwich	Norfolk
SOUTH WEST	
Central Devon and North Devon	North and East Devon
East Cornwall and West Cornwall	Cornwall
Plymouth District and South Devon	South and West Devon
Taunton Deane and West Somerset, and Sedgemoor	Taunton Deane, West Somerset and Sedgemoor
New Forest and Southampton	West Hampshire
North East Hampshire and North West Hampshire	North Hampshire
WALES	

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<i>Existing Areas</i>	<i>New Area</i>
De Brycheiniog and Radnor, and North Brecknock	Brecknock and Radnorshire
Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan	Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan
Carmarthen, Dinefwr and Llanelli	Carmarthenshire
Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire	Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire

Division of Areas

4.—(1) The existing area of North West Surrey is divided between the two existing areas of North Surrey and South West Surrey in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) The area of Runnymede Borough Council is added to the existing area of North Surrey.

(3) The areas of Woking Borough Council and Surrey Heath District Council respectively are added to the existing area of South West Surrey.

Amendments to the Local Justice Area Order 2005

5. The Schedule set out at Schedule 1 to this Order is substituted for the Schedule to the Local Justice Areas Order 2005(2).

Consequential and transitional provisions

6. The consequential and transitional provisions set out in Schedule 2 to this Order have effect.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

26th April 2011

J Djanogly
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

SCHEDULE 1

Article 5

Local Justice Areas in England and Wales

“SCHEDULE

Local Justice Areas in England and Wales

Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Market Bosworth

Barnsley District

Bath and Wansdyke

Bedford and Mid Bedfordshire

Berkshire

Berwick-upon-Tweed

Birmingham

Bolton

Bradford and Keighley

Brecknock and Radnorshire

Bristol

Bromsgrove and Redditch

Buckinghamshire

Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale

Bury and Rochdale

Calderdale

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan

Carmarthenshire

Central and South West Staffordshire

Central Kent

Central London

Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire

Chorley

City of Sunderland

Conwy

Corby

Cornwall

Coventry District

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Cynon Valley
Denbighshire
Doncaster
Dudley and Halesowen
East Dorset
East Kent
East Lancashire
East Lincolnshire
East London
East Yorkshire
Flintshire
Furness and District
Fylde Coast
Gateshead District
Gloucestershire
Grimsby and Cleethorpes
Gwent
Gwynedd
Halton
Harrogate and Skipton
Hartlepool
Herefordshire
High Peak
Hull and Holderness
Huntingdonshire
Isle of Wight
Kettering
Kidderminster
Kirklees
Lancaster
Leeds District
Leicester, Market Harborough and Lutterworth
Liverpool and Knowsley
Loughborough, Melton, Belvoir and Rutland
Luton and South Bedfordshire

Macclesfield
Manchester and Salford
Mansfield and Worksop
Merthyr Tydfil
Mid and South East Northumberland
Miskin
Montgomeryshire
Neath Port Talbot
Newcastle and Tynedale
Newcastle and Ogmere
Norfolk
North and East Devon
North and East Hertfordshire
North Avon
North Cambridgeshire
North Cumbria
North Devon
North Durham
North East Derbyshire and Dales
North East London
North East Suffolk
North Essex
North Hampshire
North Kent
North Lincolnshire
North London
North Somerset
North Staffordshire
North Surrey
North Tyneside District
North West London
North West Wiltshire
Northallerton and Richmond
Northampton, Daventry and Towcester
Nottingham and Newark

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Oldham
Ormskirk
Oxfordshire
Preston
Rotherham
Sandwell
Scarborough
Sefton
Sheffield
Shrewsbury and North Shropshire
Solihull
South and West Devon
South Cambridgeshire
South Cheshire
South Durham
South East Hampshire
South East London
South East Staffordshire
South East Suffolk
South East Surrey
South East Wiltshire
South Essex
South Hampshire
South Lakeland
South Lincolnshire
South London
South Ribble
South Somerset and Mendip
South Tyneside District
South West London
South West Surrey
South Worcestershire
Southern Derbyshire
St Helens
Stockport

Sussex (Central)
Sussex (Eastern)
Sussex (Northern)
Sussex (Western)
Swansea County
Swindon
Tameside
Taunton Deane, West Somerset and Sedgemoor
Teesside
Telford and South Shropshire
Trafford
Wakefield and Pontefract
Walsall and Aldridge
Warrington
Warwickshire
Wellingborough
West and Central Hertfordshire
West Cheshire
West Cumbria
West Dorset
West Hampshire
West Lincolnshire
West London
West Suffolk
Wigan and Leigh
Wirral
Wolverhampton
Wrexham Maelor
Ynys Môn/Anglesey
York and Selby”

SCHEDULE 2

Article 6

PART 1

Consequential and Transitional Provisions

1.—(1) The persons and bodies referred to in sub-paragraph (2) shall be formed, appointed or elected (as the case may be) in the prescribed manner and for the prescribed term, to take office on 1st January 2012.

(2) The persons and bodies are:

- (a) a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of the justices of a local justice area;
- (b) a Bench Training and Development Committee;
- (c) a family panel, and a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of a family panel;
- (d) a youth panel, and a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of a youth panel.

(3) In sub-paragraph (1), the expressions “the prescribed manner” and “the prescribed term” mean respectively—

- (a) in relation to the election of a chairman or deputy chairman, the manner prescribed by the Justices of the Peace (Size and Chairmanship of Bench) Rules 2005(3) and a term ending on 31st December 2012;
- (b) in relation to the formation of a Bench Training and Development Committee and the appointment of a member of a Bench Training and Development Committee, the manner prescribed by the Justices of the Peace (Training and Development Committee) Rules 2007(4) and a term ending for one third of the members on 31st December in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively;
- (c) in relation to the formation of a family panel and the election of a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of a family panel, the manner prescribed by the Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007(5), and as regards any such election, a term ending on 31st December 2012;
- (d) in relation to the formation of a youth panel and the election of a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen of a youth panel, the manner prescribed by the Youth Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007(6), and as regards any such election, a term ending on 31st December 2012.

(4) In this Part of this Schedule any reference to the manner prescribed by rules or regulations for any election or appointment shall not include provisions relating to dates, times or time limits.

2.—(1) The persons who will be justices for a new area may hold a meeting before 1st January 2012 for the purposes set out in this Part of the Schedule and in order to prepare to assume their functions on and after that date.

(2) If a meeting is held in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) it shall be treated as if it were a meeting of the justices for the new area for the purposes of the enactments cited in this Part of this Schedule despite the fact that the new area was not at that time in existence.

(3) [S.I. 2005/553](#).

(4) [S.I. 2007/1609](#).

(5) [S.I. 2007/1610](#) as amended by [S.I. 2007/2621](#).

(6) [S.I. 2007/1611](#) as amended by [S.I. 2007/2622](#).

(3) The persons and bodies appointed or elected for a new area under paragraph 1(1) may hold one or more meetings after the conclusion of the process of appointment or election but before 1st January 2012 for the purpose of preparing to assume their functions on and after that date.

PART 2

Other things done

3. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule anything done before 1st January 2012 by, to, before or in relation to any justices for an existing area, their clerk or any other officer of the court, shall on or after that date, be deemed to have been done by, to, before or in relation to those justices, their clerk or any other officer of the court, as justices for the new area, their clerk or any other officer of the court, as the case may be.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the reorganisation of local justice areas.

This Order comes into force on 19th May 2011 for the purpose of enabling appointments to be made and elections to be held on the basis of the altered local justice areas. It comes into force on 1st January 2012 for the substantive creation of the new local justice areas.