

**2008 No. 746**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The Derwentside (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2008**

*Made* - - - - *27th February 2008*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

Derwentside District Council, under section 12(a) of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(b) (“the 1997 Act”), have sent to the Electoral Commission(c) proposals dated October 2006 for electoral arrangements in the proposed parish of Stanley(d) in the district of Derwentside:

The Electoral Commission have decided to give effect to those proposals:

Accordingly, the Electoral Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(e) and 23(f) of the 1997 Act, make the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Derwentside (Parish Electoral Arrangements) Order 2008.

(2) This Order comes into force—

- (a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of parish councillors for the parish of Stanley, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008, on the day after that on which it is made;
- (b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“district” means the district of Derwentside;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a); and

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- (a) This section has been amended by the Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962).
  - (b) 1997 c.29.
  - (c) 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, 14 and 17(4) of the 1997 Act (c.29), to the extent that they relate to electoral arrangements within the meaning of that Act, were transferred with modifications to the Electoral Commission on 1st April 2002 (S.I. 2001/3962).
  - (d) The parish of Stanley was created by the Derwentside (Parish) Order 2007 S.I.2007/1185.
  - (e) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962 and also otherwise in ways not relevant to this Order.
  - (f) This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

### **Elections for the parish of Stanley**

3. The elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Stanley shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008(c)

### **Number of parish councillors for the parish of Stanley**

4. The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Stanley shall be twenty.

### **Wards of the parish of Stanley**

5.—(1) The parish of Stanley shall be divided into seven wards which shall be named Annfield Plain, Catchgate, Craghead and South Stanley, Havannah, South Moor, Stanley Hall and Tanfield.

(2) Each ward shall comprise the area of the existing district ward(d) bearing the same name.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each of Annfield Plain, Craghead and South Stanley, Havannah, South Moor, Stanley Hall and Tanfield shall be three and for Catchgate shall be two.

### **Electoral register**

6. The registration officer for the district of Derwentside 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.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 27th day of February 2008



27th February 2008

*Peter Wardle*  
Chief Executive

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- (a) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), section 17 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) and section 60 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).
- (b) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).
- (c) Article 3 provides for parish elections in the parish of Stanley in 2008. Section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70) provides for parish elections to take place every four years.
- (d) See the District of Derwentside (Electoral Changes) Order 1999 S.I. 1999/2580.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to proposals sent to the Electoral Commission for electoral arrangements for the new parish of Stanley as a result of the creation of the new parish by the Derwentside (Parish) Order 2007.

The new electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2008.

Article 3 provides for the terms in office of the councillors of the new parish of Stanley, elected in 2008, after which the established cycle of elections every four years will apply.

Article 4 specifies the number of councillors for the new parish of Stanley.

Article 5 establishes the names and areas of the wards of the new parish of Stanley and the number of councillors for each ward.

Article 6 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.