

# **Department of the Environment**

## **Bulletin of Changes of Local Authority Status, Names and Areas**

**1 April 1994 - 31 March 1997**

### **PART A**

**Changes effected by Order of the Secretary of State for the Environment under Part II of the Local Government Act 1992.**

1. There are 5 structural change orders establishing unitary local authorities.
2. There is one alteration to the boundary between two principal authorities.
3. There are 19 orders establishing new parishes.
4. There are 2 orders making alterations to parish boundaries.

### **PART B**

**Changes effected by Order of the Secretary of State for the Environment under Part IV of the Local Government Act 1972.**

1. There is one alteration to the boundary between two principal authorities.
2. There is one order making alterations to parish boundaries.

### **PART C**

**Changes effected by Royal Charter, or by local authority action or order.**

1. Grant of City/Borough status - Section 245 of the Local Government Act 1972.
2. Change of name of county, district or London borough under Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1972.
3. Parish name changes under section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972.
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## **PART A**

### **Changes effected by Order of the Secretary of State for the Environment under Part II of the Local Government Act 1992**

1. The following Orders provide for the establishment of unitary authorities following the review of local government in England and came into effect before 1 April 1997:

***New* unitary authorities hold shadow elections, instead of scheduled elections to the current county or district councils, the year before they are established, whereas *continuing* unitary authorities assume shadow powers following district elections in the year prior to establishment.**

#### UNITARY AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED ON 1 APRIL 1995

##### **ISLE OF WIGHT**

###### **The Isle of Wight (Structural Change) Order 1994 - S.I. 1994 No. 1210**

This Order was made on 30 April 1994. The order abolished the district councils of South Wight and Medina. It established a single *continuing* unitary authority for the island named the Isle of Wight Council. However, exceptionally, elections to this council were held after the old districts were abolished. The area will continue to be a separate ceremonial entity.

#### UNITARY AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHED ON 1 APRIL 1996

##### **CLEVELAND**

###### **The Cleveland (Structural Change) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No.187**

This Order was made on 30 January 1995. It abolished Cleveland County Council, and established the following four *continuing* unitary boroughs of Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Stockton-on Tees, and Langbaugh-on-Tees. The order also renamed Langbaugh-on-Tees as Redcar & Cleveland. For ceremonial purposes Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees (north of the River Tees) are associated with County Durham and Redcar & Cleveland, Middlesbrough and Stockton-on -Tees (south of the River Tees) are associated with North Yorkshire.

##### **AVON**

###### **The Avon (Structural Change) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No. 493**

This Order was made on 28 February 1995. It abolished Avon County Council, and established the following four unitary authorities: a *continuing* Bristol City, a *continuing* Woodspring district (renamed as North West Somerset (\*also see part C2)) a *new* district of Bath & North East Somerset (replacing Bath and Wansdyke) and a *new* district of South Gloucestershire (replacing Kingswood and Northavon). For ceremonial purposes N W Somerset and Bath & NE Somerset are associated with Somerset and South Gloucestershire with Gloucestershire. Bristol now has its own Lord Lieutenancy.

## **HUMBERSIDE**

### **The Humberside (Structural Change) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No.600**

This Order was made on 7 March 1995. It abolished Humberside County Council, and established the following four unitary authorities: the *continuing* City of Kingston upon Hull, the *new* North Lincolnshire district (comprising Glanford, Scunthorpe and part of Boothferry Boroughs), the *new* North East Lincolnshire district (comprising Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes Boroughs), and the *new* East Riding of Yorkshire district (comprising Beverley, East Yorkshire, Holderness and the remainder of Boothferry Boroughs). For ceremonial purposes Hull is associated with the East Riding of Yorkshire, while North and North East Lincolnshire are associated with Lincolnshire.

## **NORTH YORKSHIRE**

### **The North Yorkshire (District of York) (Structural and Boundary Changes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 610**

This Order was made on 7 March 1995. It abolished York City Council, and established a *new* unitary authority based on the city of York and 32 surrounding parishes from the districts of Harrogate, Ryedale and Selby. York continues to be associated with North Yorkshire for ceremonial purposes.

**The remaining Structural Change Orders, although made before 1 April 1997, will not take effect until that date and therefore will appear in the next edition of this Bulletin. The following summary information may, however, be of interest.**

#### **On 1 April 1997**

Brighton and Hove Borough Councils will be abolished.

The following twelve district councils will achieve *continuing* unitary status: Bournemouth, Darlington, Derby, Leicester, Luton, Milton Keynes, Poole, Portsmouth, Rutland, Southampton, Stoke-on-Trent and Thamesdown (Swindon).

Brighton & Hove will become a single *new* unitary authority.

#### **On 1 April 1998**

Berkshire and Hereford & Worcester county councils will be abolished.

Six district councils will be abolished: Gillingham, Rochester upon Medway, Hereford, Leominster, Malvern Hills and South Herefordshire.

The following eighteen district councils will achieve *continuing* unitary status: Blackburn, Blackpool, Bracknell Forest, Halton, Newbury, Nottingham, Peterborough, Plymouth, Reading, Slough, Southend, Thurrock, Torbay, Warrington, Windsor & Maidenhead, Wokingham and the Wrekin.

Herefordshire, consisting of Hereford, South Herefordshire and parts of Leominster and Malvern Hills (the area of the historic county) will become a new unitary authority.

Gillingham and Rochester, as the Medway Towns, will become a *new* unitary authority.

A new district of Malvern Hills will be created within the county of Worcestershire.

**In all cases below, the county title used is the ceremonial county area operating at the time the administrative order was made.**

2. The following order provides for alterations to the boundary between two principal authorities as a result of the Review of local government in England and came into effect before 1 April 1997:

### **SURREY**

#### **The Runnymede and Spelthorne (Boundary Change) Order 1996 - S.I. 1996 No 1684**

Part of this order came into force on 1 February 1997 and the remainder on 1 April 1997. It provides for the transfer of areas of land between the two boroughs. The total area of land transferred from Runnymede to Spelthorne was 8.5 hectares (population 77), and that transferred from Spelthorne to Runnymede was 18.3 hectares (population 52).

3. The following Orders provide for the establishment of new parishes following the Review of local government in England and came into effect before 1 April 1997:

### **BERKSHIRE**

#### **The Newbury (Parishes) Order 1996 - S.I. No 2771**

This order came into force on 14 February 1997. It created a new parish, Newbury, in the borough of Newbury.

### **CLEVELAND**

#### **The Stockton-on-Tees (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 218**

This Order came into force on 1 February 1995. It created a new parish, Thornaby, in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

### **COUNTY DURHAM**

#### **The Easington (Parishes) Order 1996 - S.I. 1996 No 100**

This Order came into force on 23 January 1996. It created two new parishes, Haswell and South Hetton, in the area of the former parish of Haswell within the district of Easington.

### **CORNWALL**

#### **The Caradon (Parishes) Order 1996 - S.I. 1996 No 3029**

This order came into force on 5 December 1996. It created two new parishes, St Germans and Seaton & Dowederry, in the district of Caradon from the existing parish of St Germans, but with additions from the parishes of Sheviok, St Martin-By Looe and Morval. The order also transfers land from St Germans to Menheniot parish from 1 April 1997.

## **DEVON**

### **The East Devon (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3121**

This Order came into force on 14 December 1995. It created a new parish, Exmouth, in the district of East Devon.

## **EAST SUSSEX**

### **The Brighton (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3030**

This Order came into force on 14 December 1995. It created a new parish, Rottingdean, in the borough of Brighton.

## **ESSEX**

### **The Basildon (Parishes) Order 1996 - SI 1996 No 2080**

This Order came into force on 2 September 1996. It created five new parishes, Billericay, Great Burstead & South Green, Little Burstead, Ramsden Bellhouse and Ramsden Crays in the district of Basildon.

### **The Epping Forest (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3288**

This Order came into force on 5 January 1996. It created three new parishes, Buckhurst Hill, Chigwell and Loughton in the district of Epping Forest.

### **The Rochford (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3289**

This Order came into force on 5 January 1996. It created a new parish, Rayleigh, in the district of Rochford.

### **The Southend on Sea (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3053**

This Order came into force on 14 December 1995. It created a new parish, Leigh-on-Sea, in the borough of Southend-on-Sea.

## **GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

### **The Cheltenham (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 456**

This Order came into force on 14 December 1995. It created a new parish, Charlton Kings, in the borough of Cheltenham.

## **HAMPSHIRE**

### **The Eastleigh (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3120**

This Order came into force on 14 December 1995. It created a new parish, Bishopstoke, in the borough of Eastleigh.

## **HEREFORD & WORCESTER**

### **The Malvern Hills (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 2834**

This Order came into force on 13 November 1995. It created a new parish, Malvern, in the district of Malvern Hills.

## **KENT**

### **The Canterbury (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3290**

This Order came into force on 5 January 1995. It created a new parish, Herne & Broomfield, in the City of Canterbury.

### **The Dover (Parishes) Order 1996 - S.I. 1996 No 231**

This Order came into force on 12 February 1996. It created four new parishes, Dover, Great Mongeham, Deal and Walmer, in the district of Dover.

## **LEICESTERSHIRE**

### **The Harborough (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3291**

This Order came into force on 22 December 1995. It created a new parish, Great Bowden, in the district of Harborough.

### **The Hinckley and Bosworth (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3292**

This Order came into force on 22 December 1995. It created a new parish, Earl Shilton, in the borough of Hinckley and Bosworth.

## **NORTHUMBERLAND**

### **The Castle Morpeth (Parishes) Order 1996 - S.I. 1996 No 3286**

This Order came into force on 5 January 1995. It created two new parishes, Widdrington Station & Stobswood and Ulgham in the area of the former parish of Ulgham within the district of Castle Morpeth.

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

### **The Newark and Sherwood (parishes) Order 1996 - S.I. 1996 No 2713**

This order came into force on 1 November 1996. It created a new parish, Ollerton & Boughton in the area of the two parishes of Ollerton and Boughton in the district of Newark and Sherwood.

<p>4. The following Orders provide for parish boundary changes following the Review of local government in England and come into effect before 1 April 1997:</p>
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## **LINCOLNSHIRE**

### **The North Kesteven (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 2759**

This order came into force on 1 April 1996. It transferred an area of land in the district of North Kesteven from the parish of Eagle and Swinethorpe to the parish of Swinderby.

## **NORTH YORKSHIRE**

### **The Harrogate (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 2799**

This Order transferred an area of land in the district of Harrogate from the parish of Scriven to the parish of Farnham. It came into force on 1 April 1996.

## **PART B**

### **Changes effected by Order of the Secretary of State for the Environment under Part IV of the Local Government Act 1972**

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| 1. The following Order provides for boundary changes between principal authorities: |
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#### **GREATER LONDON**

##### **The Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith and Fulham (London Borough Boundaries) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 3057**

Part of this Order came into force on 1 February 1996 and the remainder on 1 April 1996. It provides for the transfer of areas of land between the two boroughs. The total area of land transferred from Chelsea to Fulham was 4.4 hectares (population 154), and that transferred from Fulham to Chelsea was 17 hectares (population 1,078).

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| 2. The following Order provides for boundary changes between parishes: |
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#### **GLOUCESTERHIRE**

##### **The Forest of Dean (Parishes) Order 1995 - S.I. 1995 No 172**

This order provided for the transfer of a small area of the village of Brockweir from the parish of St Briavels to the parish of Hewelsfield. It also provided for Viney Hill to be united in the parish of West Dean. The Littledean Recreation Ground was united in the Parish of Littledean. The boundary between the parishes of Ruardean and Drybrook was realigned as it divided properties. The Order came into force on 1 February 1995.



## PART C

### Changes effected by Royal Charter, or by local authority action or Order.

1. Grant of Borough or City Status under Section 245 of the Local Government Act 1972

CEREMONIAL COUNTY	DISTRICT	NEW STATUS	EFFECTIVE DATE
North Yorkshire	York	Borough & City	1 April 1996
County Durham	Sedgefield	Borough	17 October 1996
Lincolnshire	North East Lincolnshire	Borough	23 August 1996
Lincolnshire	North Lincolnshire	Borough	16 December 96

2. Change of name of county, district or London borough under Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1972.

CEREMONIAL COUNTY	DISTRICT	NEW NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE
North Yorkshire	Langbaugh-on-Tees	Redcar & Cleveland	1 January 1995
Somerset	North West Somerset	North Somerset	1 April 1996
West Yorkshire	City of Bradford Metropolitan Council	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	24 July 1996

3. District council notices of the change of name of a parish under section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972:

CEREMONIAL COUNTY	DISTRICT	PARISH	NOW KNOWN AS	EFFECTIVE DATE
County Durham	Derwentside	Langley	Burnhope	1/11/95
Hertfordshire	North Herts	St Ippollitts	St Ippolyts	2/10/96
Lancashire	Ribble Valley	Billington	Billington & Langho	30/5/96
Norfolk	Breckland	Whinburgh	Whinburgh & Westfield	1/8/95
Northamptonshire	Kettering	Geddington & Newton	Geddington, Newton & Little Oakley	1/9/96
Somerset	North Somerset	Wraxall	Wraxall & Failand	1/10/96
Surrey	Tandridge	Lingfield	Lingfield & Dormansland	1/6/95
Staffordshire	Lichfield	Alrewas	Alrewas & Fradley	1/2/96

4. District council Orders under section 109 of the Local Government Act 1972, conferring parish council powers on parish meetings:

### **CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

Boxworth Parish Meeting: all powers of a parish council conferred by South Cambridgeshire District Council with effect from 19 April 1995.

Lolworth Parish Meeting: all powers of a parish council conferred by South Cambridgeshire District Council with effect from 14 November 1996.

### **DERBYSHIRE**

Froggatt Parish Meeting: powers to incur expenditure in connection with the Derbyshire Dales Victim Support Scheme in accordance with section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 conferred by Derbyshire Dales District Council with effect from 9 March 1995. Further powers granted to incur expenditure under S137 above in respect of All Saints Parish Church on 31 July 1996 and Scout Hut, Curbar on 8 January 1997.

Little Longstone Parish Meeting: power to make bye-laws in accordance with section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 conferred by Derbyshire Dales District Council with effect from 6 November 1995.