STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 3089

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The City of Leeds (Electoral Changes) Order 2003

Made - - - - 28th November 2003

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and 1(3)

Whereas the Boundary Committee for England(**a**), acting pursuant to section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 1992(**b**), has submitted to the Electoral Commission(**c**) recommendations dated July 2003 on its review of the city(**d**) of Leeds:

And whereas the Electoral Commission have decided to give effect, with two 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(**e**) and 26(**f**) 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 City of Leeds (Electoral Changes) Order 2003.

(2) This Order, with the exception of articles 5 and 6, 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 2004, on the day after that on which it is made;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004.

(3) Articles 5 and 6 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 2007, on 15th October 2006;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election in 2007.

(**a**) The Boundary Committee for England is a committee of the Electoral Commission, established by the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 14 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3962) transferred to the Electoral Commission the functions of the Local Government Commission for England.

(**b**) 1992 c.19. This section has been amended by S.I. 2001/3962.

(**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 to 15 and 17 of the Local Government Act 1992, 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).

(**d**) The metropolitan district of Leeds has the status of a city.

(**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.

Interpretation

2. In this Order —

"city" means the city of Leeds;

"existing", in relation to a ward, means the ward as it exists on the date this Order is made; and

any reference to the map is a reference to the map marked "Map referred to in the City of Leeds (Electoral Changes) Order 2003", of which prints are available for inspection at —

(a) the principal office of the Electoral Commission; and

(b) the offices of Leeds City Council; and

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

Wards of the city of Leeds

3.—(1) The existing wards of the city(**a**) shall be abolished.

(2) The city shall be divided into thirty-three wards which shall bear the names set out in Schedule 1.

(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on the map by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by red lines; and the number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be three.

(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.

Elections of the council of the city of Leeds

4.—(1) Elections of all councillors for all wards of the city shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004(**b**)(**c**).

(2) The councillors holding office for any ward of the city immediately before the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004 shall retire on that date and the newly elected councillors for those wards shall come into office on that date.

(3) Of the councillors elected in 2004 for any ward of the city, one shall retire in 2006, one in 2007 and one in 2008.

(4) Of the councillors elected in 2004 for any ward of the city —

(a) the first to retire shall, subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), be the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes; and

(b) the second to retire shall, subject to those paragraphs, be the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes.

(5) In the case of an equality of votes between any persons elected which makes it uncertain which of them is to retire in any year, the person to retire in that year shall be determined by lot.

(6) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each year shall be determined by lot.

(7) Where under this article any question is to be determined by lot, the lot shall be drawn at the next practicable meeting of the council after the question has arisen and the drawing shall be conducted under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting.

(**a**) *See* the City of Leeds (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1616).

(**b**) Article 4 provides for a single election of all the councillors and for reversion to the system of election by thirds, as established by section 7 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c.70).

(**c**) For the ordinary day of election of councillors of local government areas, *see* section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2), amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and section 17 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 3 to, the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29).

Wards of the parish of Harewood

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

(2) The parish 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 city ward 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.

Wards of the parish of Otley

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

(2) The parish shall be divided into five parish wards which shall bear the names Ashfield, Danefield, Manor, Prince Henry and West Chevin, and the wards shall comprise the areas designated on sheets 1 and 2 by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish ward of Ashfield shall be five, for the parish wards of Danefield, Manor and West Chevin shall be four, and for the parish ward of Prince Henry shall be three.

Maps

7. Leeds City Council shall make a print of the map marked "Map referred to in the City of Leeds (Electoral Changes) Order 2003" available for inspection at its offices by any member of the public at any reasonable time.

Electoral registers

8. The Electoral Registration Officer(**a**) for the city 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

9. The City of Leeds (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979 (**b**) is revoked, save for articles 8 and 9(7).

(**a**) 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).
(**b**) S.I. 1979/1616.

Sealed with the seal of the Electoral Commission on the 28th day of November 2003



Sam Younger
Chairman of the Commission

28th November 2003

Jacqui Dixon
Secretary to the Commission

28th November 2003

SCHEDULE 1

article 3

NAMES OF WARDS

Adel and Wharfedale	Horsforth
Alwoodley	Hyde Park and Woodhouse
Ardsley and Robin Hood	Killingbeck and Seacroft
Armley	Kippax and Methley
Beeston and Holbeck	Kirkstall
Bramley and Stanningley	Middleton Park
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	Moortown
Calverley and Farsley	Morley North
Chapel Allerton	Morley South
City and Hunslet	Otley and Yeadon
Cross Gates and Whinmoor	Pudsey
Farnley and Wortley	Rothwell
Garforth and Swillington	Roundhay
Gipton and Harehills	Temple Newsam
Guiseley and Rawdon	Weetwood
Harewood	Wetherby
Headingley	

SCHEDULE 2

article 5

WARDS OF THE PARISH OF HAREWOOD

NAMES AND AREAS OF WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

(1) *Name of Ward*	*(2)* *Area of Ward*	*(3)* *Number of Councillors*
Harewood and Wike	So much of the city ward of Harewood as comprises the parish of Harewood	2
Wigton	So much of the city ward of Alwoodley as comprises the parish of Harewood	7

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect, with two modifications, to recommendations by the Boundary Committee for England, a committee of the Electoral Commission, for electoral changes in the city of Leeds.

The modifications relate to the boundary between Bramley and Stanningley, and Calverley and Farsley wards, and to the boundary between Garforth and Swillington, and Temple Newsam wards.

The changes have effect in relation to local government elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2004.

Article 3 abolishes the existing wards of the city and provides for the creation of 33 new wards. That article and Schedule 1 also make provision for the names and areas of, and numbers of councillors for, the new wards.

Article 4 makes provision for a whole council election in 2004 and for reversion to the established system of election by thirds in subsequent years.

Articles 5 and 6 make electoral changes in the parishes of Harewood and Otley.

Article 8 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 9 revokes the City of Leeds (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1979, with the exception of Articles 8 and 9(7).

The areas of the new city and parish wards are demarcated on the map described in article 2. Prints of the map may be inspected at all reasonable times at the offices of Leeds City Council and at the principal office of the Electoral Commission at Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2HW.

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