Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 59(9) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009; draft to lie for forty days pursuant to section 6(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, during which period either House of Parliament may resolve that the Order be not made.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. ****

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND

The Cumberland (Electoral Changes) Order 2026

Made - - - - ***

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

Under section 58(4) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009(**a**) ("the Act") the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**) ("the Commission") published a report dated May 2026(**c**) stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for the district of Cumberland. The Commission has decided to give effect to the recommendations.

A draft of the instrument has been laid before Parliament and a period of forty days has expired since the day on which it was laid and neither House has resolved that the instrument be not made.

The Commission makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59(1) of the Act.

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Cumberland (Electoral Changes) Order 2026.

(2) This article and article 2 come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Articles 3 to 12 come into force—

(a) for the purposes of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on the day after the day on which this Order is made;

(**a**) 2009 c. 20.

(**b**) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was established on 1st April 2010 by section 55(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20).

(**c**) The report is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/Cumberland/.

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in England(**a**) in 2027.

(4) This Order extends to England and Wales but applies in relation to England only.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, "the map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Cumberland (Electoral Changes) Order 2026" held by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England(**b**).

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

Wards of the district of Cumberland and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing wards of the district of Cumberland are abolished.

(2) The district of Cumberland is divided into the 55 wards listed in Schedule 1.

(3) Each ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the ward.

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is one.

Parish wards of the parishes of Arlecdon and Frizington, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth, Egremont, Maryport, Millom, St Cuthbert Without, Stanwix Rural, Whitehaven and Workington and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes of Arlecdon and Frizington, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth, Egremont, Maryport, Millom, St Cuthbert Without, Stanwix Rural, Whitehaven and Workington are abolished.

(2) The parish of Arlecdon and Frizington is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 1 in Schedule 2.

(3) The parish of Cleator Moor is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 2.

(4) The parish of Cockermouth is divided into the 5 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 3 in Schedule 2.

(5) The parish of Egremont is divided into the 3 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 4 in Schedule 2.

(6) The parish of Maryport is divided into the 4 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 5 in Schedule 2.

(7) The parish of Millom is divided into the 3 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 6 in Schedule 2.

(8) The parish of St Cuthbert Without is divided into the 4 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 7 in Schedule 2.

(9) The parish of Stanwix Rural is divided into the 3 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 8 in Schedule 2.

(**a**) The ordinary day of election of councillors in England is prescribed by section 37(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), as amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), renumbered by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), and further amended by section 6(16) of the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4).

(**b**) The map is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ. It is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/Cumberland/.

(10) The parish of Whitehaven is divided into the 10 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 9 in Schedule 2.

(11) The parish of Workington is divided into the 14 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 10 in Schedule 2.

(12) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(13) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of the relevant table in Schedule 2.

Parish wards of the parish of Aikton and number of councillors

5.—(1) The parish of Aikton is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 1 in Schedule 3.

(2) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of Table 1 in Schedule 3.

Parish wards of the parish of Beckermet with Thornhill and number of councillors

6.—(1) The parish of Beckermet with Thornhill is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 3.

(2) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of Table 2 in Schedule 3.

Parish wards of the parish of Broughton Moor and number of councillors

7.—(1) The parish of Broughton Moor is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 3 in Schedule 3.

(2) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of Table 3 in Schedule 3.

Parish wards of the parish of Dalston and number of councillors

8.—(1) The parish of Dalston is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 4 in Schedule 3.

(2) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of Table 4 in Schedule 3.

Parish wards of the parish of Kingmoor and number of councillors

9.—(1) The parish of Kingmoor is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 5 in Schedule 3.

(2) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of Table 5 in Schedule 3.

Parish wards of the parish of Oughterside and Allerby and number of councillors

10.—(1) The parish of Oughterside and Allerby is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 6 in Schedule 3.

(2) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of Table 6 in Schedule 3.

Parish wards of the parish of Westward and number of councillors

11.—(1) The parish of Westward is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 7 in Schedule 3.

(2) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of Table 7 in Schedule 3.

Parish wards of the parish of Wigton and number of councillors

12.—(1) The parish of Wigton is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 8 in Schedule 3.

(2) Each parish ward comprises the area identified on the map by reference to the name of the parish ward.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each parish ward is the number specified in relation to that parish ward in the second column of Table 8 in Schedule 3.

Sealed with the seal of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Name
Chief Executive
Date Local Government Boundary Commission for England

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Wards of the district of Cumberland

1. Abbeytown & Solway Firth
2. Aspatria & Waverton
3. Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park
4. Botcherby
5. Brampton
6. Bransty, Lowca & Parton
7. Brigham
8. Caldbeck & Bothel
9. Castle
10. Cleator Moor North & Frizington
11. Cleator Moor South
12. Cockermouth North
13. Cockermouth South
14. Corby & Hayton
15. Corkickle & Harras Park
16. Currock
17. Dalston, Cummersdale & Cargo
18. Dearham & Papcastle
19. Denton Holme
20. Egremont
21. Gosforth
22. Harraby East
23. Harraby West & Petteril Bank
24. Harrington
25. Hensingham
26. Irthing
27. Kells & Harbour
28. Keswick
29. Kingstown & Crindledyke

30. Longtown
31. Maryport North
32. Maryport South & Flimby
33. Melbreak & Skiddaw
34. Millom
35. Millom Without
36. Mirehouse & Greenbank
37. Moorclose
38. Moresby, Distington & Arlecdon
39. Morton East
40. Morton West
41. Newtown & Raffles
42. Seaton & Camerton
43. Silloth & Allonby Bay
44. St Aidan's
45. St Bees & Sandwith
46. St Cuthbert's & Garlands
47. Stanwix East & Houghton
48. Stanwix West & Etterby
49. Thursby & Aikton
50. Upperby
51. Westfield
52. Wetheral & Scotby
53. Wigton
54. Workington Port
55. Workington Stainburn & St John's

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Parish wards of the parishes of Arlecdon and Frizington, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth, Egremont, Maryport, Millom, St Cuthbert Without, Stanwix Rural, Whitehaven and Workington and number of councillors

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Arlecdon and Frizington and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Arlecdon	3
Frizington	6

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Cleator Moor and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Cleator Moor North	4
Cleator Moor South	8

Table 3

Parish wards of the parish of Cockermouth and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
All Saints	4
Christchurch	2
Double Mills	3
Fitz	1
South Lodge	2

Table 4

Parish wards of the parish of Egremont and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Bigrigg & Moor Row	2
South	7
Woodend	1

Table 5

Parish wards of the parish of Maryport and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Ellenborough	5
Ewanrigg & Glasson	6
Flimby	3
Netherhall	4

Table 6

Parish wards of the parish of Millom and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Haverigg	3
Holborn Hill	5
New Town	7

Table 7

Parish wards of the parish of St Cuthbert Without and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Parklands	7
St Cuthbert Without	3
Speckled Wood	1
Upperby	4

Table 8

Parish wards of the parish of Stanwix Rural and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Crosby & Linstock	4
Houghton	8
Windsor Park	3

Table 9

Parish wards of the parish of Whitehaven and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Corkickle	1
Greenbank	1
Harras Park	1
Hillcrest	1
Kells	1
Mirehouse	2
Sandwith	1
Sneckyeat	1
Whitehaven Central North	2
Whitehaven Central South	1

Table 10

Parish wards of the parish of Workington and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Ashfield	1
Harrington	3
Moorclose East	3
Moorclose West	1
Northside	1
Old Town	1
St John's	2
St Michael's	4
Salterbeck North	1
Salterbeck South	2
Seaton	1
Stainburn	2
Westfield North	2
Westfield South	1

SCHEDULE 3

Articles 5 to 12

Parish wards of the parishes of Aikton, Beckermet with Thornhill, Broughton Moor, Dalston, Kingmoor, Oughterside and Allerby, Westward and Wigton and number of councillors

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Aikton and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Aikton & Wiggonby	8
Biglands & Whitrigglees	2

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Beckermet with Thornhill and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Beckermet	5
Thornhill	7

Table 3

Parish wards of the parish of Broughton Moor and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Broughton Moor	9
North Ridge	2

Table 4

Parish wards of the parish of Dalston and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Dalston	13
Raughton & Stockdalewath	2

Table 5

Parish wards of the parish of Kingmoor and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Cargo	3
Fenwick	5

Table 6

Parish wards of the parish of Oughterside and Allerby and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Allerby	2
Oughterside	7

Table 7

Parish wards of the parish of Westward and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
West Curthwaite	6
Westward	4

Table 8

Parish wards of the parish of Wigton and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Station Hill	2
Wigton	13

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes to electoral arrangements for the district of Cumberland following recommendations made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. This Order does not change the boundary of the district itself.

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral wards of the district of Cumberland and replaces them with the 55 new ones listed in Schedule 1 for the purposes of elections held on or after the ordinary day of election of councillors in England in 2027. It also establishes the names and areas of the new electoral wards and the number of councillors for each.

Article 4 makes changes to parish wards that are consequential on the changes made by article 3. The changes to parish wards introduced by article 4 come into force for the purposes of parish elections in 2027 and in respect of subsequent parish elections.

Articles 5 to 12 make similar provision specifically for the new parish wards of the parishes of Aikton, Beckermet with Thornhill, Broughton Moor, Dalston, Kingmoor, Oughterside and Allerby, Westward and Wigton which were previously un-warded, for the purposes of parish elections in 2027 and in respect of subsequent parish elections.

The area covered by each ward created by this Order is identified on a map which is available for inspection at reasonable times at the principal office of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8YZ. The map is also accessible online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/Cumberland/.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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