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 North Yorkshire (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 January 2026(**c**) stating its recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for North Yorkshire. 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 North Yorkshire (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 6 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**) 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/north-yorkshire/.

(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 North Yorkshire (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.

Electoral divisions of North Yorkshire and number of councillors

3.—(1) The existing electoral divisions of North Yorkshire are abolished.

(2) North Yorkshire is divided into the 87 electoral divisions listed in the first column of the Table in Schedule 1.

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

(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division is the number specified in relation to that electoral division in the second column of the Table in Schedule 1.

Certain parishes in North Yorkshire and number of councillors

4.—(1) The existing parish wards of the parishes listed in paragraph (2) are abolished.

(2) The parishes referred to in paragraph (1) are—

(a) Eastfield;

(b) Harrogate;

(c) Killinghall;

(d) Knaresborough;

(e) Newby & Scalby;

(f) Northallerton;

(g) Richmond;

(h) Ripon;

(i) Scarborough;

(j) Selby;

(k) Skipton;

(l) Whitby.

(3) The parish of Eastfield is divided into the 3 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 1 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/north-yorkshire/.

(4) The parish of Harrogate is divided into the 19 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 2 in Schedule 2.

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

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

(7) The parish of Newby & Scalby is divided into the 2 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 5 in Schedule 2.

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

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

(10) The parish of Ripon is divided into the 4 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 8 in Schedule 2.

(11) The parish of Scarborough is divided into the 5 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 9 in Schedule 2.

(12) The parish of Selby is divided into the 6 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 10 in Schedule 2.

(13) The parish of Skipton is divided into the 4 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 11 in Schedule 2.

(14) The parish of Whitby is divided into the 6 parish wards listed in the first column of Table 12 in Schedule 2.

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

(16) 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 Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw and number of councillors

5.—(1) The parish of Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw is divided into the 3 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 Littlethorpe and number of councillors

6.—(1) The parish of Littlethorpe 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.

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

Electoral Divisions of North Yorkshire and number of councillors

(1) Electoral Division	*(2) Number of councillors*
Aire Valley	1
Appleton Roebuck & Church Fenton	1
Barlby, Osgodby & Staynor	1
Bedale & Aiskew	1
Bentham & Ingleton	1
Bilton & Nidd Gorge	1
Bilton Grange & Coppice Valley	1
Boroughbridge	1
Brayton & Barlow	1
Brompton-on-Swale & Scorton	1
Camblesforth & Carlton	1
Castle	1
Catterick Village & Crakehall	1
Cawood & Riccall	1
Cayton	1
Cliffe & Escrick	1
Danby, Glaisdale & Mulgrave	1
Dishforth & Topcliffe	1
Duchy & Valley Gardens	1
Easingwold	1
Eastfield	1
Esk Valley & The Coast	1
Falsgrave	1
Filey	1
Granby	1
Great Ayton	1
Harlow Hill	1
Harrogate Central	1

(1) Electoral Division	*(2) Number of councillors*
Helmsley & Ampleforth	1
Hillside	1
Hipswell & Colburn	1
Howardian	1
Huby & Tollerton	1
Hunmanby	1
Hutton Rudby & Appleton Wiske	1
Jennyfield	1
Killinghall & Scotton	1
Kirkbymoorside & Dales	1
Knaresborough East	1
Knaresborough West	1
Leyburn & Lower Wensleydale	1
Lower Nidderdale	1
Malton & Norton	2
Masham & Fountains	1
Mid Craven	1
Newby	1
North Bay	1
North Richmondshire	1
Northallerton North & Brompton	1
Northallerton South	1
Oatlands & Rossett	1
Osgoldcross	1
Ouseburn & Hammerton	1
Pannal & Washburn	1
Pickering	1
Richmond	1
Ripon Canal & Ure	1
Ripon Cathedral & Spa	1
Ripon South	1
Romanby	1
Scalby & Derwent	1
Seamer & East Ayton	1

(1) Electoral Division	*(2) Number of councillors*
Selby East	1
Selby West	1
Settle	1
Sherburn in Elmet & South Milford	2
Sheriff Hutton & Derwent	1
Skipton East	1
Skipton North & Embsay-with-Eastby	1
Skipton West	1
South Craven	1
Sowerby	1
Spofforth & Tockwith	1
Starbeck	1
Stepney & Northstead	1
Stokesley	1
Stray & Hookstone	1
Swale	1
Tadcaster	1
Thirsk	1
Thornton-le-Dale & The Wolds	1
Thorpe Willoughby & Hambleton	1
Upper Dales	1
Upper Wharfedale & Upper Nidderdale	1
Weaponness & Ramshill	1
Whitby Streonshalh	1
Whitby West	1

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Names of parish wards and number of councillors

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Eastfield and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Eastway	5
Middle Deepdale	1

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Westway	5

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Harrogate and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Bilton & Nidd Gorge	1
Bilton Grange	1
Central East	1
Central West	1
Coppice	1
Duchy	1
Fairfax	1
Harlow Hill	1
Hookstone	1
Jennyfield	1
Kingsley	1
Oatlands	1
Pannal	1
St Georges	1
Starbeck East	1
Starbeck West	1
Stray	1
Valley Gardens	1
Woodfield	1

Table 3

Parish wards of the parish of Killinghall and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Rural	4
Urban	6

Table 4

Parish wards of the parish of Knaresborough and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Aspin & Calcutt	3

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Castle	2
Eastfield	3
Nidd Gorge	1
Scriven Park	3

Table 5

Parish wards of the parish of Newby & Scalby and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Newby	9
Scalby	4

Table 6

Parish wards of the parish of Northallerton and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Central	6
North	4
South	2

Table 7

Parish wards of the parish of Richmond and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
East	5
North	2
West	8

Table 8

Parish wards of the parish of Ripon and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
East	2
North	2
South	5
West	3

Table 9

Parish wards of the parish of Scarborough and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Castle	3
Falsgrave	3
North Bay	3
Stepney & Northstead	3
Weaponness & Ramshill	3

Table 10

Parish wards of the parish of Selby and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Abbots	3
Central	2
North East	2
North West	6
South West	3
Staynor	2

Table 11

Parish wards of the parish of Skipton and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
East	4
North	4
South	2
West	6

Table 12

Parish wards of the parish of Whitby and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Abbey	6
Ruswarp	2
Stakesby	4
Town North	3
Town South	1
West Cliff	3

SCHEDULE 3

Articles 5 and 6

Parish wards and number of councillors for the parishes of Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw and Littlethorpe

Table 1

Parish wards of the parish of Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Beckwithshaw	4
Harlow Hill Grange	1
Haverah Park	1

Table 2

Parish wards of the parish of Littlethorpe and number of councillors

(1) Name of parish ward	*(2) Number of councillors*
Fountains Walk	1
Littlethorpe	4

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

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

Article 3 abolishes the existing electoral divisions of North Yorkshire and replaces them with the 87 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 divisions 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 and 6 make similar provision specifically for the new parish wards of the parishes of Haverah Park with Beckwithshaw and Littlethorpe, 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 electoral division 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/north-yorkshire/.

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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