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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Dumfries and Galloway (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016

Made - - - -	*13th September 2016*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*14th September 2016*
Coming into force - -	*30th September 2016*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so. This Order gives effect to proposals submitted to them on 26th May 2016 by the Boundary Commission under section 17(1) of that Act regarding electoral arrangements for the area of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Dumfries and Galloway (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 and comes into force on 30th September 2016.

(2) This Order applies only for the purposes of an election to be held on or after 4th May 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(a) a reference to an electoral ward is a reference to that electoral ward as constituted in this Order; and

(b) "the deposited data" means the data recorded on the DVD-ROM—

(i) entitled "Dumfries and Galloway (Electoral Arrangements) 2016"; and

(ii) deposited with the Scottish Ministers at their offices at Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ.

Electoral arrangements

3.—(1) The area of Dumfries and Galloway Council is divided into 12 electoral wards.

(2) The number and name of an electoral ward is as specified in the entry in columns 1 and 2 respectively of the schedule of this Order.

(3) The number of councillors to be returned for an electoral ward is as specified in the entry in column 3 of the schedule of this Order corresponding to that electoral ward.

(**a**) 1973 c.65. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(4) The boundaries of the electoral wards are as described by the deposited data.

JOE FITZPATRICK
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
13th September 2016

SCHEDULE

Article 3

ELECTORAL WARDS

Column 1 *Number of electoral ward*	*Column 2* *Name of electoral ward*	*Column 3* *Number of councillors to be returned*
1	Stranraer and the Rhins	4
2	Mid Galloway and Wigtown West	4
3	Dee and Glenkens	3
4	Castle Douglas and Crocketford	3
5	Abbey	3
6	North West Dumfries	4
7	Mid and Upper Nithsdale	3
8	Lochar	4
9	Nith	4
10	Annandale South	4
11	Annandale North	4
12	Annandale East and Eskdale	3

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to proposals made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland for the future electoral arrangements for the area of Dumfries and Galloway Council. The area of Dumfries and Galloway Council is divided into 12 electoral wards as described in the schedule of the Order. This Order applies only for the purposes of an election to be held on or after 4th May 2017.

The Order describes the boundaries of the new electoral wards by means of data stored on a DVD-ROM. Copies of the DVD-ROM are to be deposited with, and maps of the boundaries of the electoral wards are available (in hard copy or on-line) from, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland and Dumfries and Galloway Council.

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