

2006 No. 481

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Highland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2006

Made - - - - *27th September 2006*

Coming into force - - *16th October 2006*

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(a) and giving effect to proposals submitted to them on 27th July 2006 by the Boundary Commission under section 17(1) of that Act regarding electoral arrangements for the area of Highland Council, hereby make the following Order:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Highland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 16th October 2006.

(2) This Order shall apply only for the purposes of elections to be held after the date on which section 1 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004(b) comes into force.

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 “Highland (Electoral Arrangements) 2006”; and
 - (ii) deposited with the Scottish Ministers at their offices at Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ.

Electoral arrangements

3.—(1) The area of Highland Council shall be divided into 22 electoral wards.

(2) The number and name of an electoral ward is as specified in columns 1 and 2 respectively of the Schedule to 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 to this Order corresponding to that electoral ward.

(a) 1973 c.65. The functions of the Secretary of State transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).
(b) 2004 asp 9.

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

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
27th September 2006

TOM McCABE
A member of the Scottish Executive

SCHEDULE

Article 3

ELECTORAL WARDS

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Number of electoral ward</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Name of electoral ward</i>	<i>Column 3</i> <i>Number of councillors to be returned</i>
1	North, West and Central Sutherland	3
2	Thurso	3
3	Wick	3
4	Landward Caithness	4
5	East Sutherland and Edderton	3
6	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh	4
7	Cromarty Firth	4
8	Tain and Easter Ross	3
9	Dingwall and Seaforth	4
10	Black Isle	4
11	Eilean a'Chèo	4
12	Caol and Mallaig	3
13	Aird and Loch Ness	4
14	Inverness West	3
15	Inverness Central	4
16	Inverness Ness-Side	4
17	Inverness Millburn	3
18	Culloden and Ardersier	4
19	Nairn	4
20	Inverness South	4
21	Badenoch and Strathspey	4
22	Fort William and Ardnamurchan	4

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 Highland Council. The area of Highland Council is divided into 22 electoral wards as described in the Schedule to the Order. The proposals follow on the review of the whole of Scotland undertaken by the Commission under section 4(1) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004. The Order applies only for the purposes of elections held after the coming into force of section 1 of that Act.

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 Highland Council.

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