
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 Scottish Borders Council. The proposals follow on the review of the whole of Scotland undertaken by the Commission in terms of Schedule 5 to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The area of Scottish Borders Council is divided into 34 electoral wards as described in the Schedule to the Order. The Order makes minor modifications to the boundaries of Wards 22 and 23 as compared to the proposals submitted to the Secretary of State by the Commission. In terms of paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, the wards apply with effect from the ordinary election of councillors due to take place in May 1999.