

**2013 No. 2969**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The Borough of Doncaster (Scheme of Elections) Order 2013**

*Made* - - - - 22nd November 2013

*Laid before Parliament* 27th November 2013

*Coming into force* - - - 1st June 2014

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86(A1), (4) and (7), 87(1) and (3) and 105 of the Local Government Act 2000(a) makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Borough of Doncaster (Scheme of Elections) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 1st June 2014.

(2) In this Order “the ordinary day of election of councillors” has the same meaning as in section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(b).

**Elections of the council of the Borough of Doncaster**

**2.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), the scheme for the ordinary elections of councillors for all wards of the Borough of Doncaster shall be a scheme under which—

- (a) the term of office of councillors is four years;
- (b) the elections are held in a given year and every fourth year after it;
- (c) all the councillors are elected in each year in which the elections are held; and
- (d) the councillors retire together.

(2) The first ordinary elections of councillors under the scheme referred to in paragraph (1) shall be held in 2015.

(3) The councillors holding office for any ward of the Borough immediately before the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2015 shall retire on that date and the newly elected councillors for those wards shall come into office on that date.

(4) Subsequent ordinary elections of councillors under the scheme referred to in paragraph (1) shall be held in 2017 and every fourth year after 2017.

(5) The councillors holding office for any ward of the Borough immediately before the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2017 shall retire on that date and the newly elected councillors for those wards shall come into office on that date.

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(a) 2000 c.22. Subsection (A1) was inserted by section 54(3) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).

(b) 1983 c. 2. Relevant amendments were made by the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), section 17 and Schedule 3 and by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28), section 245(2).

### **Changes to years of parish elections**

3.—(1) The ordinary elections of parish councillors for all parishes within the Borough of Doncaster that would, but for this Order, have taken place in 2019 and every fourth year after 2019 shall instead take place on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2021 and every fourth year after 2021.

(2) The parish councillors holding office for any parish within the Borough of Doncaster who would, but for this Order, have retired on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019 shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2021.

### **Revocation**

4. Article 4 of the Borough of Doncaster (Electoral Changes) Order 2004(a) is revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

22nd November 2013

*Brandon Lewis*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Communities and Local Government

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order provides a new scheme for the holding of the ordinary elections of councillors of all the wards in the Borough of Doncaster. It replaces the previous scheme for the ordinary elections of councillors by thirds. It also changes the year of election for parish councillors within the Borough.

Article 2 provides for whole council elections every four years starting in 2015. It also provides that subsequent elections will be held in 2017 and every fourth year after 2017. It deals with the retirement of existing councillors and the coming into office of newly elected councillors following the elections in 2015 and 2017.

The parishes within the Borough of Doncaster are to have parish council elections in 2015, with subsequent parish council elections held in 2021 and every fourth year thereafter, so that they take place in the same year as borough elections.

Article 4 revokes article 4 of the Borough of Doncaster (Electoral Changes) Order 2004 which provides for elections by thirds.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on business or the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

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