
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 134

POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
(Designation of Local Authorities) Order 2020**

Made - - - - 11th February 2020

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Minister for the Cabinet Office, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 75(1) and 154(5) (b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011⁽¹⁾, makes the following Order.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Designation of Local Authorities) Order 2020.

(2) It comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(3) In this Order “police area” means a police area listed in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996 (police areas outside London)⁽²⁾, other than Greater Manchester⁽³⁾.

Designation of local authorities in England

2. In respect of each police area in England listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 1, for the purpose of section 75(1) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the appropriate officer), the designated local authority is the authority listed in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table.

(1) 2011 c. 13 (“the Act”). Section 75 has been amended by S.I. 2015/1526 and 2016/997. The functions of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster under the Act were transferred to the Minister for the Cabinet Office by virtue of S.I. 2016/997 and are held concurrently with the Secretary of State.

(2) 1996 c. 16. Amended by section 129 of the Police Act 1997 (c. 50) and by S.I. 1997/1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1849, 1850, 1855, 1857 and 2009/119.

(3) The functions of a police and crime commissioner in respect of Greater Manchester have been transferred to the Mayor of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority by S.I. 2017/470. The effect of paragraph 21 of Schedule 2 to S.I. 2017/470, (there are amending instruments to Schedule 2 but none are relevant), is to disapply certain provisions in the 2011 Act relating to the election of a police and crime commissioner as they would have applied in respect of the Mayor. Relevant to this Order is the disapplication of section 75 of the 2011 Act by paragraph 21(d) of Schedule 2 to S.I. 2017/470 which removes the requirement to designate a police returning officer in respect of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

Designation of local authorities in Wales

3. In respect of each police area in Wales listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 2, for the purpose of section 75(1) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the designated local authority is the authority listed in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table.

Revocation and saving

4. The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Designation of Local Authorities) Order 2015⁽⁴⁾ is revoked, but continues to have effect in respect of any election which takes place before 7th May 2020.

11th February 2020

Chloe Smith
Minister for the Constitution
Cabinet Office

(4) [S.I. 2015/2028](#).

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

Designated local authorities in England

<i>(1) Name of police area in England</i>	<i>(2) Local Authority</i>
Avon and Somerset	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Bedfordshire	Luton Borough Council
Cambridgeshire	East Cambridgeshire District Council
Cheshire	Halton Borough Council
Cleveland	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Cumbria	Allerdale Borough Council
Derbyshire	Derby City Council
Devon and Cornwall	Exeter City Council
Dorset	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
Durham	Durham County Council
Essex	Colchester Borough Council
Gloucestershire	Gloucester City Council
Hampshire	Southampton City Council
Hertfordshire	Broxbourne Borough Council
Humberside	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Kent	Dartford Borough Council
Lancashire	Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Leicestershire	North West Leicestershire District Council
Lincolnshire	City of Lincoln Council
Merseyside	Liverpool City Council
Norfolk	South Norfolk Council
North Yorkshire	Selby District Council
Northamptonshire	Kettering Borough Council
Northumbria	Sunderland City Council
Nottinghamshire	Rushcliffe Borough Council
South Yorkshire	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Staffordshire	East Staffordshire Borough Council
Suffolk	East Suffolk Council
Surrey	Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
Sussex	Brighton & Hove City Council
Thames Valley	Cherwell District Council
Warwickshire	Warwick District Council

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).

<i>(1) Name of police area in England</i>	<i>(2) Local Authority</i>
West Mercia	Shropshire Council
West Midlands	Coventry City Council
West Yorkshire	Wakefield Council
Wiltshire	Wiltshire Council

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

Designated Local Authorities in Wales

<i>(1) Name of police area in Wales</i>	<i>(2) Local Authority</i>
Dyfed-Powys	Pembrokeshire County Council
Gwent	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
North Wales	Flintshire County Council
South Wales	Vale of Glamorgan Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision in relation to elections in England and Wales of police and crime commissioners under Chapter 6 of Part 1 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13) (“the Act”).

Article 2 and Schedule 1 designate, for the purposes of section 75(1) of the Act, a local authority for the police areas in England listed in Schedule 1. These do not include the metropolitan police district, Greater Manchester, and City of London police areas. The functions of a police and crime commissioner in respect of Greater Manchester were transferred to the mayor of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority by virtue of S.I. 2017/470. The head of paid service of a designated local authority is the “appropriate officer” for the purposes of Chapter 6 of Part 1 of the Act (elections and vacancies of police and crime commissioners).

Article 3 and Schedule 2 make the same provision in respect of Wales.

Article 4 revokes the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Designation of Local Authorities) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2028), but provides that it is to continue to have effect in respect of elections which took place after it came into force and before 7th May 2020.

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