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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES

The Neath Port Talbot (Communities) Order 2016

*Made - - - - 25 November 2016
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and
(3)*

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales⁽¹⁾ has, in accordance with sections 54(1) and 58(1) of the Local Government Act 1972⁽²⁾, submitted to the Welsh Ministers a report dated 31 March 2016 on its review of, and proposals for change in, the community arrangements in the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot.

The Welsh Ministers have agreed to give effect to the Commission's proposals without modification. More than six weeks have elapsed since these proposals were submitted to the Welsh Ministers⁽³⁾.

The Welsh Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 58(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 and now vested in them so far as exercisable in relation to Wales⁽⁴⁾.

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- (1) The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales ("the Commission") was previously called the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales. The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales was established by section 53 of and Schedule 8 to the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) ("the 1972 Act"). Section 53 and Schedule 8 were repealed by section 73(2) of and Schedule 2 to the [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 4\)](#) ("the 2013 Act"). Under the 2013 Act, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales continued in existence but was renamed the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (see section 2). See footnote (2) below for savings provisions in the 2013 Act that apply to Part 4 of the 1972 Act.
- (2) [1972 c. 70](#). Sections 53 to 61 have been repealed by section 73(2) of and Schedule 2 to the 2013 Act but, pursuant to section 74(1) and (2) of the 2013 Act, continue in effect for the purpose of completing reviews which were being conducted when Part 3 of the 2013 Act came into force on 30 September 2013 and for the purpose of proposals submitted to the Welsh Ministers before that time. Section 74(2) of the 2013 Act was amended by section 43 of the [Local Government \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 6\)](#) to allow reviews completed before 30 September 2013 to be implemented under the 1972 Act.
- (3) Section 58(2) of the 1972 Act provides that an order giving effect to any proposals made to the Welsh Ministers by the Commission must not be made until the expiry of six weeks from the day on which those proposals were submitted to the Welsh Ministers.
- (4) The powers of the Secretary of State were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 ([S.I. 1999/672](#)) and are now vested in the Welsh Ministers by virtue of section 162 of, and paragraph 30(1) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).